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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

HOLLAND ALERT.

May Still be Dragged In.

December 15, 9.40 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, replying to the Budget Report for 1917, the Minister of State said that Holland's munition supply was daily increasing. The Government was still of opinion there was a danger of Holland being dragged into the war; therefore it was unavoidable that sufficient military forces should be at her immediate disposal.

THE ENEMY'S ARMIES.

How they are Distributed.

December 15, 3.05 p.m.

A Paris official message says that on December 1 enemy forces were distributed as follows on the various fronts:—123 Divisions on the Western, 106 on the Russian, 20 on the Rumanian, 12 on the Macedonian, and 33 on the Italian and Albanian fronts.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Activity on Macedonian Front.

December 15, 3.40 p.m.

A French communiqué says:—There is intermittent artillery firing on the whole of the Macedonian front, especially in the Dairan region.

Our fire dispersed an enemy column north of Monastir. Allied airmen are most active.

Bulgarian Progress.

December 15, 2.20 p.m.

A Bulgarian communiqué states:—Our advanced detachments have reached the Bokarski-Petesti Railway. Russian warships bombarded Balchik.

Russians Check Offensive.

December 15, 4.45 p.m.

A Russian wireless official message states:—Our artillery stopped an attempted advance to the south of Kiselin, and held up an offensive from Grabkova to both sides of the Tarnopol-Zolotohev railway.

The Russo-Rumanians are falling back to Buzau under pressure. In consequence of this retirement, the troops occupying the River Jalomitsa are retiring.

Germans Capture Buzau.

December 15, 6.10 p.m.

A German official announcement states:—We have captured Buzau.

ALLIED DETERMINATION.

December 15, 5.35 p.m.

Mr. Lloyd George has exchanged messages with M. Trepoff, Signor Boselli and M. de Brocqueville containing mutual assurances of strengthening friendships and unflinching efforts to secure victory of common ideals and adherence to the pledges given to Belgium.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Strong French Attacks.

December 15, 6.10 p.m.

A German official announcement states:—We repulsed a triple attack to the south east of Malancourt, while, after a strong preparatory fire, extending far and near, the French attacked in waves at Ople de Poivre, but failed.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SHIPPING AND THE WAR.

The P. and O. Meeting.

December 13, 7.30 p.m.

Presiding at the meeting of the P. and O. Company Lord Inchcape foreshadowed an increase in passenger rates next year.

He paid a tribute to the Captain and crew of the Arabic for safely transferring 720 persons to the boats in fifteen minutes. The Company had received hundreds of letters from passengers in appreciation of their rescue and the arrangements made for their comfort, on which the company had spent £10,000.

The capital of the Company was now £7,500,000 sterling. The financial position had been investigated most closely, and the result was quite reassuring. He hinted that the deferred dividend might be reduced. Referring to the submarine campaign he said that if all the stories were true submarines were being constantly sunk. He was perfectly confident that the Navy could overcome these momentary difficulties.

More Vessels Sunk.

December 15, 6.40 a.m.

The following vessels have been sunk: St. Ursula, Harlyn, Harlington and Burdhope (British), Bjorn (Norwegian), and Emma Laurens, a four masted barque (French).

TELEGRAMS.

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HOME POLITICS.

Credit Vote Adopted.

December 14, 4.40 a.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law moved a Credit Vote of £400,000,000, which he said would suffice until February 24.

The daily average expenditure had risen to £5,710,000. The total Credit Votes for the financial year had been £1,850,000,000, which was £350,000,000 above the estimate. The increase was mainly due to munitions and loans to our Allies and the Dominions. The extent of the increase in munitions was enormous, almost incredible, and this was a striking proof of the country's vitality. The increase under the heading "Loans to Allies and Dominions" amounted to £400,000 daily. The increase, however, had gone entirely to the Allies as the Dominions were able to finance their expenditure.

He emphasised Germany's advantage in the matter of controlling the resources of her allies; he declared that the Entente Governments had been endeavouring to secure central control and that much had been done in that direction during the last six months.

He believed that the rapidity of victory depended on the extent to which the resources of the Allies in men, money and munitions could be thrown into the common cause.

Referring to the peace proposals Mr. Bonar Law reminded the House that Mr. Asquith in moving the last Credit Vote declared that the Allies would require adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future (loud cheers). That was still our policy and that was still the determination of the Government (prolonged cheers).

Later.

The House of Commons has unanimously adopted the Credit Vote.

New Appointments.

December 15, 12.45 a.m.

The following appointments are announced:—Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Munitions, Mr. Worthington Evans; Mr. F. G. Kellaway; Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, D. T. J. Macnamara; Civil Secretary to the Admiralty, Dr. T. J. Macnamara; Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. E. G. Pretymann; Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, Mr. G. Roberts; Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, Sir R. Wingfield; Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the War Office, Mr. J. J. Macpherson; Financial Secretary to the War Office, Mr. H. W. Forster; Lord Steward of the Household, Lord Farquhar; Treasurer of the Household, Mr. James Craig; Comptroller of the Household, Lord Cornwall; Captain of the Yeoman of the Guard, Lord Suffield; Lords in Waiting Lord Kenyon and Viscount Valentia; Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Board, Mr. J. L. Baird; Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Talbot Primrose; Lords of the Treasury, J. F. Hope, S. Walsh and J. W. Pratt. The others are unchanged.

THOSE PEACE PROPOSALS.

Russia Joins at Germany.

December 14, 10.45 p.m.

According to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent a semi-official Russian Note scornfully criticises the peace proposals and declares that all the innumerable sacrifices of the Allies would be nullified by a premature peace with an enemy exhausted but not yet brought down.

The Note says that the German Government is striving to persuade its people that the offer of peace is refused and that therefore their enemies are responsible for the continuation of the war. It proceeds to riddle the notes with references to the respect for the rights of other nations; it shows that the idea of the hegemony of Germany everywhere predominates in them, and declares that no favourable ground exists for peace negotiations. "The speeches of the Allied Premiers should convince Germany of the inacceptability of the proposal. This explains the avoidance of the mention of peace conditions. We are convinced that the new enterprise is condemned to failure, like the previous efforts. The Entente powers would assume a terrible responsibility before these peoples and all humanity if they suspended the struggle; but no illusory enemy proposals can weaken their firm determination to continue the war to a final triumph."

Serbia's Independence.

December 15, 12.10 a.m.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Pastich have exchanged messages regarding the Allies' determination to prosecute the war until Serbia's independence has been restored.

Von Hindenburg's "Deep Emotion."

December 15, 2.25 a.m.

According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, General von Hindenburg has telegraphed to Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg congratulating him on his speech, which he read "with deep emotion and great satisfaction as a great moral demonstration of the strength of Germany. We soldiers know there is at present no higher and holier duty than the prosecuting of victory with the utmost energy, living and dying for Kaiser and Fatherland."

Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg replied: "The deeds of the Army on land and water have cleared the way for the magnanimous decision of the Kaiser and his Allies. If it does not please our enemies to terminate the war to-day our soldiers will fight to secure the Fatherland a strong and lasting peace."

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THOSE PEACE PROPOSALS.

The Hoodwinked Hun.

December 15, 2.25 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Flushing, there are great rejoicings among the German soldiers at the various Belgian frontier places, they believing peace to be imminent. Their behaviour everywhere is that of a victorious army.

Germany Looking Ahead.

December 15, 11.00 a.m.

According to Reuter's Washington correspondent the German Embassy has authorised the statement that it is certain one of the most important subjects for discussion at the Peace Conference would be the universal limitation of armaments.

LORD SYDENHAM HONOURED.

December 13, 7.30 p.m.

The Painters Company has granted the Freedom of the City to Lord Sydenham in recognition of his great services to the Empire, particularly while Governor of Bombay.

Lord Sydenham in acknowledging the honour said he had done his utmost for the Empire for many years in varied capacities, especially in trying to produce organisation for the war.

THE POTATO SUPPLY.

December 14, 11.00 p.m.

It is officially announced that the Board of Food Control, at the instance of the Board of Trade, has issued regulations for safeguarding the 1917 supply of seed potatoes.

HANDLING THE STRIKERS.

December 14, 11.00 p.m.

According to an official statement, Mr. Hodge has announced that he is dealing drastically under the Munitions and Defence of the Realm Acts with the boiler makers' strike in Liverpool, as the strike was interfering with work of vital national importance. It arose against the advice of the leaders over an award for the increased cost of living. Mr. Hodge's office to hear the grievances if work was resumed was disregarded.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Enemy Ammunition Dump Destroyed.

December 15, 12.10 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We entered trenches in the neighbourhood of Monchy-au-Bois, to the south of Arras, and bombed dugouts full of troops.

The enemy's attempt at a raid in the neighbourhood of Hulluch failed.

We bombarded and set fire to ammunition dump in the neighbourhood of Pys.

Lively Artillery Actions.

December 15, 12.45 a.m.

A Paris communiqué says that there have been fairly lively actions south of the Somme, on both banks of the Meuse and on the heights south of Bonhomme.

FRANCE AND NATIONAL DEFENCE.

To Suppress Alcohol Consumption.

December 15, 4.50 a.m.

A Bill is in draft to suppress the consumption of alcohol and to requisition it for defence purposes.

Taking the Necessary Measures.

December 15, 4.50 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent in Paris, the Government has introduced a Bill authorising the Government to take by decree the measures necessary for national defence, especially regarding the agricultural and industrial output, recruiting of labour, sale, distribution and consumption of commodities.

M. Briand's Policy.

December 15, 6.40 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent in Paris, Mr. Briand is indisposed through the strain of speaking and replying to interminable interpellations for six hours; and though continuously and passionately criticised for alleged lack of energy in dealing with Greece and Rumania, he retains a majority, which is practically unaltered. He is still confronted with a solid opposition headed by M. Clemenceau, but many of the latter will support M. Briand if they are satisfied that he is pursuing a vigorous policy.

AUSTRIA'S TROUBLES.

December 15, 4.50 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Zurich says that the fall of the Koerber Cabinet was due to the influence of Germany, who was displeased with Herr Koerber's firmness towards Hungary. Germany favours a conciliatory Austrian policy towards Hungary with the object of establishing closer political and economic relations between Austria, Germany and Hungary.

Herr Spitzmuller, the new Premier, is an ex-employee of the Deutsche Bank.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

London, December 15.

Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says that the plebiscite on the question of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States resulted in 283,694 in favour and 157,596 against.

HOLIDAYS.

The List for Next Year.

It is notified that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as Government Holidays in 1917:—

Public Holiday.

Empire Day, Thursday, 24th May.

General Holidays.

Monday, 1st January.
Tuesday, 23rd January.
Good Friday, 6th April.
Saturday, 7th April.
Easter Monday, 9th April.
Whit Monday, 28th May.
Monday, 6th August.
Monday, 8th October.
Monday, 25th November.
Christmas Day, Tuesday, 25th December.

Wednesday, 26th December.
The date on which the King's Birthday is to be kept will be published later.

HARBOUR NOTIFICATION.

The following additional notice is published with reference to the public traffic regulations for the port of Hongkong as amended in the Government Notification No. 522 of December 1, 1916, and which are being brought into force at Official Dry-light on January 1, 1917:—

Steam launches wishing to go to Tein Wan for shelter may, on obtaining permission from the Senior Naval Officer, proceed there North of Stonecutters and East Chung Hae (O.X.O. informing B.O.S.C.) but on returning to harbour they are to pass West of Chung Hae and conform to the Traffic Regulations.

The harbour boundaries are:—West.—A line drawn North-West by North from the Eastern end of Eastern Dyeing Company's Factory building to the South-East extreme of Little Green Island, thence a line South 75 degrees West to South-Western extreme of Green Island to meet a line North 27 degrees East from Western extreme of Green Island to Western extreme of Stonecutters and thence to Torpedo Pier at Lai-ohi-kok, (North 11 degrees East).

All bearings are magnetic.

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TO-DAY.

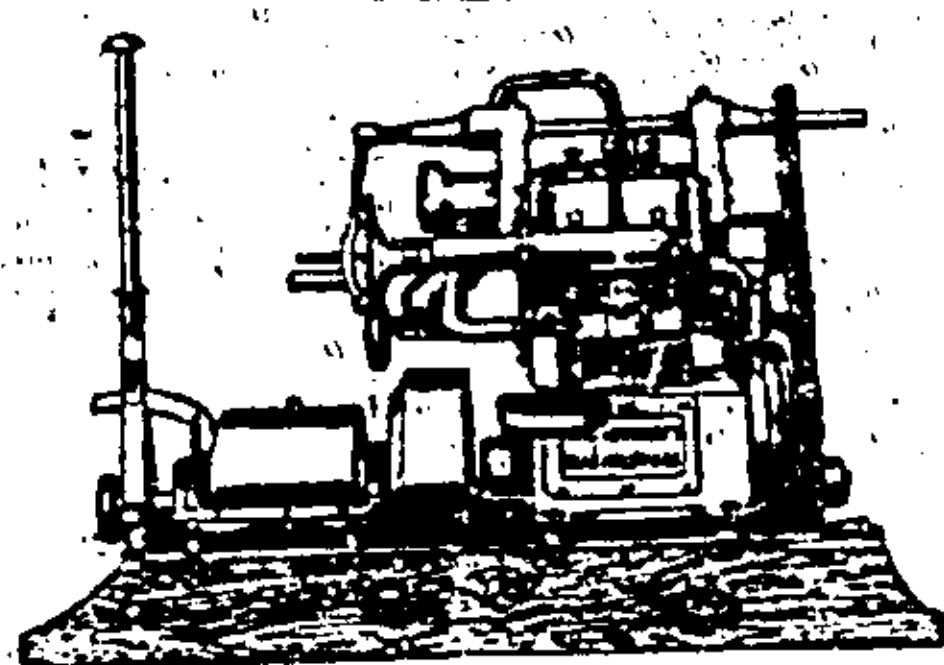
Theatre Royal.—Second performance of "Kismet" by A.D.G. Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m. Bijou Theatre.—9.15 p.m. New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre.—9.15 p.m. Bijou Theatre.—9.15 p.m. New Hongkong Cinematograph.—9.15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 26.
Hongkong Winter "Bisley."

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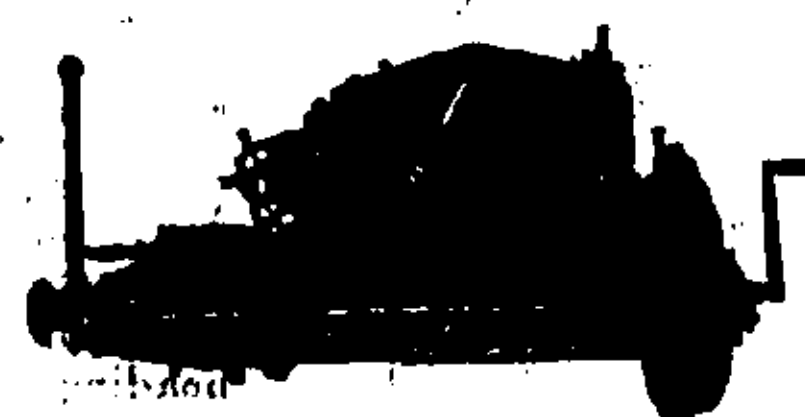
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GENERAL NEWS.

Women's Demonstration Stopped.
London, Nov. 12.—The demon-
stration arranged to be held in
Trafalgar-square yesterday after-
noon by the Women's Social and
Political Union was stopped by
the police. Mrs. Pankhurst, who
had been announced as the chief
speaker, tried to begin, but was
"moved on," while the police
cleared the square.

New Political Party.
Nanking, 7th December.—Lin
Wen-yen, a member of the Lower
House of Parliament, has come
to Nanking and is actively en-
gaged among various circles in
getting more members for his
new party. On the 6th Decem-
ber, at Haitungshan, near the
Confucius Temple, he invited all
the political persons in Nanking
and in an address advised them
to join his party.

Japanese and Petroleum.
Another petroleum company
has been promoted in Japan by
several prominent business men
for the purpose of taking over
and working a number of oil
concessions in the vicinity of the
Nippon Oil Company's conces-
sions at Kurokawa, Akita prefec-
ture. The new company is to be
styled the Tohoku Petroleum
Company, and will have a sub-
scribed capital of ¥6,000,000.

A Chinese Banking Enterprise.
Some time ago Mr. Chang
Hung-ang, a wealthy Chinese
merchant in the Straits Settle-
ments, sent his representative to
Peking to consult with the Minis-
try of Finance for the opening of
a Tungya Bank in Peking with a
capital of \$10,000,000 to be raised
from among overseas Chinese, but
his project was dropped on ac-
count of the monarchy movement.
Later on when Mr. Chang Chang-
heun, another wealthy overseas
merchant, tried to open a Sino-
American Bank in Peking, Mr.
Chang Hung-ang alone subscrib-
ed an amount of more than
\$2,000,000. Lately the former
died and the latter has now de-
cided to continue to develop his
plan and to return to China next
year to embark in the Banking
enterprise. —Peking Daily News.

France's Sacred Grove.
Mr. Henry Wood, the United
Press correspondent with the
French Armies, writes:—With the
close of the war the entire line of
trenches in France, extending
from Alsace to the Belgian border,
may be converted into sort of
national sacred forest as a per-
manent tribute to the memory of
the French "poilus" who died
there defending their native soil.
A proposition to this effect has
just been prepared by the Gen-
eral-Council of the Department
of the Meuse, and will soon
be submitted to not only
France but the entire world,
which would always have the
opportunity of visiting the line of
trenches, over 600 kilometres in
length, on which the French
threw back the tide of German
invasion at the battle of the
Marne, and which till the end of
the war will always remain the
basis of France's military effort to
rid her soil entirely of the enemy.

Japanese in Amoy.
Says the Peking Daily News:—
The natives of Fukien province
residing in various provinces
have been indignant at the high-
handed policy of the Japanese
Authorities, who have introduced
Japanese policemen into Amoy;
and of late they have sent strong
telegram to their provinces re-
questing the officials and gentry
there to resist the invaders.
Mass meetings have been
held in Foochow city to
discuss the matter, and as a
result a telegram has been
sent in the names of the repre-
sentatives of various societies in
Foochow, to the Central Govern-
ment, as follows: "To the
President, Cabinet, Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, the National
Assembly, etc., etc.: Japanese
have established their police
station in Amoy in violation of
our sovereignty rights, and as
the consequences will be fatal to
the nation, the indignation of the
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Marine Engineer Elected Mayor.
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Chinese Sufferers in Mexico.
On account of the prolonged troubles in Mexico, foreigners residing in that country have been reduced to great misery. The Governments of various countries have provided means of relief for their nationals, but we have not yet done anything for our people there. Dr. Wellington Koo has telegraphed to the Central Government stating that he has arranged with the Government of the United States to relieve the Chinese sufferers, and requesting that a fund of at least \$20,000 be at once remitted to him for passage money to remove the sufferers from Mexico to San Francisco. The question has been referred to the Cabinet for decision.—Exchange.

Mr. Roosevelt on the Enemy.
Through an envoy, specially sent to the United States, the editor of *América* has prevailed upon Mr. Roosevelt to give for the British public his views on the war, and in the first of a series of "interview-talks," remarkable for straight speaking, the ex-President says the German people have been led into a course of conduct which will make them "the permanent enemies of all the free and liberty loving nations of mankind and of civilization itself." He is strongly denunciatory of "the wickedness of neutrality between right and wrong," and is equally severe upon "the professional pacifists."

Our Consular Service.
As a beginning towards the reform of the Consular service, the Foreign Office is now selecting British subjects to fill vacancies, but an equally urgent work is the clearing out of some of the old officials, and the process should not be confined to those of foreign nationality. Some of the least suitable British Vice-Consuls are British subjects. As an instance, a sea-faring correspondent well acquainted with the port of Sfax, Tunis, tells me that the British Vice-Consul there is a Maltese carrying on business as a moneylender, the majority of his customers being Arabs. His knowledge of English is imperfect. A good many ships call at Sfax, and English mariners are generally of opinion that his Majesty might be worthily represented there.—Truth.

Murders of Planters.
A correspondent of the *Malay Mail* writes:—Yet another European planter has been foully murdered in cold blood, about the fourth or fifth, at the very least, within the last year. Is it not time that we Europeans took some strong action in the matter? It is useless expecting Government to act with a strong hand. In the last murder case two out of the three condemned have been let off the extreme penalty, and I saw some remark was made at the Federal Council meeting this month as to Europeans having been repeatedly warned about the danger of carrying large sums of money about. We must at times carry large sums of money about, otherwise how are we going to pay our labour? Home methods do not avail in a country like this. A murderer being hanged within prison gates does not prevent another similar crime being committed. The murderer of Mr. Wilson ought first of all to be publicly flogged at the spot where he committed the crime, and then be hanged or shot publicly in the same place.

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HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Our local University has held its first Congregation for the conferring of degrees, and, making due allowances and reservations, it may be congratulated on a good four or five years' work. Four or five years, as goes without saying, is far too short a period to be regarded as a fair test of an institution's usefulness—the more so in this particular case, in that the Empire has been at war for half of that time. Under even the most advantageous circumstances a period of at least that length would be required by the authorities in which to find out their initial mistakes and essential weaknesses; and thus it is fairer to regard the Hongkong University as only now beginning. It has a big field of opportunities; what use is it going to make thereof?

Our University has it in its power to benefit two sets of people: the Chinese who are not satisfied with their own universities; and certain British elements: governmental, commercial and other. In order to give the maximum of help to the Chinese, its professors have to let the student see that they themselves are genuine representatives of all that makes for British refinement, self control, sense of honour, love of fair play and real sportsmanship. There was a time when the spurious article could be traded off on the Chinese; when, so long as a man had a white skin, he could pass for the embodiment of strength, wisdom and resource; but this is no longer the case; the Chinese are growing more and more enlightened and they are beginning to demand that the European who sets up for being their teacher shall be equal to the task. If the Hongkong University is going to take itself with becoming seriousness and to give what it undertakes to give, those Chinese whose means will not stretch to a home university education will find in it a far from insignificant boon. They, in their turn, it is hoped, will pass on some of the benefits that they have received, till, little by little, their University becomes recognised in China as a real wellspring of elevating and useful knowledge.

The good which the British themselves have to reap from the new institution is just as obvious. Not all the young men who have graduated at Hongkong will betake themselves to Chinese territory when their course is ended. Many, especially on the Engineering side, will wish to remain here to take service under British firms, which will most certainly benefit, in most cases, by such an arrangement. Many other commercial advantages, which do not call for mention now, are also to be derived in the present and near future by our compatriots. But, when all is said, the chief value is to the Empire. Undertaken with proper seriousness, the University will become a living and perpetual proof to the Asiatic races that British methods of education (using the word in its widest sense) are to be preferred before those of most other foreign nations. It will be a means of tightening the bond between the Empire and those of its subjects who are Chinese, and of confirming in these the idea that British citizenship is something of which to be proud. And in this conviction, the loyal Britishers of Hongkong will wish it every success.

Magisterial Inconsistency.

We have many times had to comment on the paucity of wisdom which periodically marks magisterial decisions in this Colony, and yet again would we point out what must be regarded as a serious anomaly in the administration of justice. As a matter of policy there should be—and we think none will gainsay this—a some degree of consistency in the penalties inflicted for like offences, but frequenters of our Police Courts have it far too often forced upon their notice that it is merely a question of which magistrate offenders confront which decides the fine or term of imprisonment they have to suffer. It is only a matter of a few days ago that Mr. J. R. Wood very rightly fined a sales-man in the Yau-mai market \$50 for using incorrect weights and scales, and when, this week, a parallel case from the Western Market was brought before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, one would naturally have expected similar treatment for this second defrauder of the public. But, although it was stated in Court that this dishonest trader tried to hide his scales from the Inspector, and that they were found to be no less than four per cent. against the purchaser, his Worship saw fit to let the defendant off with the payment of a \$5 fine, a thing the defendant no doubt found very profitable when contrasted with the money he had made by giving his customers short weight prior to his being caught. The difference in treatment is here too obvious to go un-noticed, and it is a pity that some understanding could not be come to between the occupants of the two benches whereby consistency could be secured. At the present time it would seem that it is simply a matter of "just" before whom the offender is brought—that decides his punishment.

Too Obvious.

The more we get to know of the German peace overtures and of the spirit in which they are put forward, the more apparent does it become that the enemy is seeking to play a big game of bluff. But it is equally evident that none of the Allies are likely to be deceived or ensnared by the transparently clear motives of the enemy. Germany must take the Entente Powers as a collection of fools if she thinks she can persuade them to regard these feelers as anything other than a sign of their weakness and weariness. The tone of the Imperial Chancellor's speech, the substance of the suggestion of the *Frankfurter Zeitung* that the demands will be "moderate," and the anxiety of the German Embassy in America to show the Kaiser as the champion of universal limitation of armaments—all these things reveal Germany as utterly sick of the war. And yet we find General von Hindenburg quoting the Chancellor's utterance as a great moral demonstration of the strength of Germany! Germany as the advocate of disarmament is too funny for words, and the War Lord of Europe as a magnanimous foe is a plea which we somehow find it difficult to accept at its face value. Germany has made a bungle, and the Allies, and neutral nations too, can perceive the facts as they really are.

"One of the Greatest."

"Kismet" is dedicated by its author to "One of the greatest of Englishmen and one of the least understood"—otherwise to the late Sir Richard Burton. Was ever a happier description of that strong, weird character—explorer, author, soldier of fortune and diplomat—who, when the history of the second half of the Nineteenth Century is correctly written, is going to stand out from its pages like a planet in a tropical sky? We only wish Mr. Knollauch would devote himself to a sympathetic and just biography of Burton. Lady Burton's "Life" of him was almost valueless because her love for him amounted to deification, while Mr. Thomas Wright's more recent one swung pretty much in the other direction. One peculiarity about a Burton that is often lost sight of is that, though he was "one of the greatest of Englishmen," he was educated in France and much of his outlook was very forcibly un-English if not anti-English. But he was that way, his memory has been neglected too long, and it is time that he came to his own.

DAY BY DAY.

FORTUNE WILL CALL AT THE SMILING GATE.—Japanese Provost.

The Mails.
English Mail.—Closed per s.s. Nankin at 11 a.m. to-day.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.11/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
Monday is the 54th anniversary of the abolition of negro slavery in the United States.

Extended Business Hours.
Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., will remain open until 6 o'clock from Monday, the 18th inst., to Saturday, the 23rd inst., inclusive.

Struck Off.
It is notified that the names of the following Companies have been struck off the Register:—The Pan Hing Hotel Company, Ltd., the Club Germania, C. E. Hastings and Company, Ltd., Parr and Company, Limited.

Rubber Estate's Output.
Mr. A. Denison advises us that the crops from the estate of the Soengei Rempah Rubber and Coconut Plantations Company, Limited, for the month of November 1916 were:—Rubber, 15,000 lbs.; Coconuts, 1,045 nuts.

The Salt-petre Case.
The hearing was continued at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, of the case in which two Chinese are charged with attempting to export a quantity of salt-petre without the usual permit. The case was fixed for hearing at a later date.

The Examination Service.
It is notified that the Commodore has appointed Lieutenant Commander Godfrey Cecil Echlin, R.N. (Retired), to be Officer in Charge of the Examination Service, vice Lieutenant John Austin Gaines, R.N., with effect from December, 9 1916.

Lecture.
Capt. Pelliet is to give a lecture on the 21st inst., under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, on "Central Asia as the meeting point of Eastern and Western Civilisations." By kind permission of H. E. the Governor the lecture will be given in the ballroom at Government House, commencing at 5 15 p.m.

For the Races.
The pony Golfin, owned by Mr. Scott, of Tientsin, arrived in the Colony yesterday on the s.s. Cheongching to undergo training for the coming Races. He won the Championship Stakes at the Tientsin Meeting and is expected to make a good showing here. By the same boat Ek, also owned by Mr. Scott, arrived.

Belle View Hotel.
A meeting of the Licensing Board is to be held in the Council Chamber on Friday, December at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the following application:—From Charles Morris for a publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at the premises No. 2 Pak Sin Wan, Shan Ki Wan Road, under the sign "Belle View Hotel."

Christmas Cease.
A Chinese was evidently getting ready for Christmas, for he made an excursion into the country and arrived back in Hongkong with no less than 50 geese not his property. He sold these to different shops, but the police were on his track and he was arrested. His worship sent him to prison for six months.

Alleged Demanding of Money.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with demanding money by menaces whilst acting as a revenue officer in the public service. Another man was charged with aiding and abetting. Mr. E. J. Geist represented the officer, and the other man's interests were looked after by Mr. J. H. Gardiner. The case was adjourned.

Wholesale Metal and Paint Thefts.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was charged with larceny of 334 lbs. of metal, four pulleys, and one steel tank, valued at \$168, from the Naval Dockyard. Another man was charged with stealing 56 lbs. of paint, and 10 lbs. of old metal from the same place. In both cases the property was found concealed in lighters.

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HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending December 16, 1891.)

The Dollar.
December 16.—The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 3/01.

Government.
December 10.—"The community of Hongkong are under very heavy obligations to the Hon. Mr. T. H. Whitehead for the sturdy fight he has made for some months past at the Legislative Council meetings against overwhelming odds in the vindication of public rights, and for the consistent course he has pursued in openly and fearlessly exposing the utterly rotten condition of the departmental jobbery which for so long has so conspicuously disgraced the Government of Hongkong."

Arrival of Sir William Robinson.
December 10.—"At seven o'clock this morning the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan was signalled, and by eight o'clock she was at her buoy in the harbour, having made an exceptionally good run. His Excellency Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., Lady Robinson, and Master Robinson were received on Pender's Wharf by Major-General D'Alby Barker, and the various consuls and Government officials—including Mitchell-Innes, who wore a hat that must have descended to him from a long line of warlike ancestors—were present. On landing, a salute was fired from Murray Battery, and after a few minutes occupied in greetings, the whole company, with the Regimental guard of honour and a large crowd of civilians, went up to the Council Hall, where the usual oaths were administered by the Chief Justice before the Executive Council and an interesting assembly of ladies and gentlemen. After the Commission appointing him had been read by the Clerk of Council, Sir William Robinson took the oath of allegiance, and the Governor's oath, and then said:—'Nothing more remains to me except to thank your Excellency (Major-General Barker) and the ladies and gentlemen here present for the very cordial reception you have given me. It has been, I believe, usual to make a speech on these occasions, but I do not think that is necessary. I have just taken a solemn oath to do my duty, and I think I can rely on you all, as loyal subjects, to assist me in the performance of the solemn and important duties it entails. I only hope that our official relations will be most satisfactory and that our social relations will be equally cordial.' (Applause). That concluded the show."

"Charbonnages."
December 11.—"A telegram has been received from Hongkong to the effect that Mr. C. P. Chatter and the party of gentlemen who went the other day in the steamship Avocle to visit the coal-mines there, have been most favourably impressed with the general position of affairs. The long looked for era of production has at length been entered upon, and active operations have now being carried out in a thoroughly business-like style. The Avocle will leave Hongkong for Hongkong on Monday morning at daylight with a cargo of 2,100 tons of coal, and it is expected that an additional 4,000 tons will be landed here during the course of next month. All this appears most satisfactory, and should the quality of the coal prove up to the standard anticipated—and on that point we never had the slightest doubt when actual mining was substituted for scratching on the surface—there is a big future for 'Charbonnages' and at no far distant period."

Our Editor in Prophetic Vein.
December 12.—"The German community had a sort of a concert and general jamboree in the unlicensed public house in Wyndham Street last night. There was a big crowd of somebodies and nobodies—mostly of the latter, and they all had a good time, either a feast of music or a 'tank' full of lager beer. Sir

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ASHRE REPORT.

The quotations which follow are from the Hongkong Telegraph for December 16, 1891.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.—168 per cent. premium sales and buyers.

Union Insurance Society of Canton.—\$90 per share, buyers.

China Traders' Insurance Company.—\$81 per share, sales and buyers.

North China Insurance.—Tls. 255 per share, buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Ltd.—\$106 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association.—Tls. 102 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.—\$325 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company.—\$91 per share, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company.—\$33 1/4 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.—\$80 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company.—\$120 per share, nominal.

Hongkong Hotel Company.—\$50 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures.—\$501.

Indo-China S. N. Company.—\$25 per cent. dis., sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company.—\$38 per share, sales and buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company Ltd.—\$176 per share, sellers.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited.—\$53 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company.—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.—\$110 per share, sales and buyers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.—\$64 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co. Ltd.—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.—\$19 per share, buyers.

Hongkong High Level Tramway Co., Ltd.—\$65 per share sales and sellers.

Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.—\$25 per share, nominal.

Green Island Cement Co. Ltd.—\$14 per share, sellers.

Railway Disaster in Japan.
Tokyo, Dec. 1.—A telegram from Aomori reports that a train on which many conscripts were proceeding to their depots collided with a goods train at eleven o'clock on Wednesday night, after leaving Ichinoeki for that city. One hundred and thirty persons were killed or injured, including nineteen conscripts and three military officials killed and twenty other conscripts injured. Doctors and nurses were immediately sent from Aomori to the scene of the disaster.

William Robinson was there; if he had known where he was going and whose guest he was, he would probably have stayed at home. Poseneker, Hoppins & Co., as entertainers to a British Governor, are good, very good—but only when they are a long way off. In all future legislation in this colony, the would-be German autocrats must be specially provided for—they must be kept in their proper places. Hongkong is not the German's Fatherland, and this is a gentle lesson the Hongkong Telegraph undertakes to teach to our modest immaculate and most virtuous visitors from the Kaiser's realm. If this booming den in Wyndham Street doesn't mend its manners, and continues to make night hideous, to the annoyance of all respectable residents in the neighbourhood, we shall greatly regret to have to interview the police authorities to obtain a magisterial decision as to whether or not this diarrhoea of drunken orgies will be allowed to continue."

"The Poor, Unfortunate Germans."
December 12.—"Pay the poor, unfortunate Germans. The Korat (Siam) railway contract, which the son of Fatherland moved heaven and earth and hell to get hold of—for purely philanthropic motives, of course—has been confirmed to Messrs. Murray, Campbell & Co., of Singapore. And 'the Chinese of Europe' are now wearing macintosh and shoes."

Touching on the war, Mr. Sawyer had some very interesting facts to give. He asserts that England and the Allied countries are expending about \$1,400,000 a day on munitions.

Speaking with reference to the pro-German element in America, Mr. Sawyer said it had been greatly exaggerated, and proof of that was the re-election of President Wilson, whom the pro-Germans were very much against. The pro-German element is confined, he says, to the East and Middle West States, say from Chicago to Illinois. In the South, it is absolutely dead, the population being nearly all of British descent. In the West the sentiment is for the Allies.

THE METAL MARKET.

Some Interesting Statements on the Outlook.

Mr. F. Hamilton Sawyer, vice president and supervisor of the foreign department of the North West Trading Company, of Seattle, one of the best known firms engaged in the metal trade in the Colony, has just returned from America, where he has spent the last three months or so in visiting branches of the firm, and he has many very interesting facts to tell concerning the steel market.

One vital point bearing on American interest in the steel trade was voiced by Mr. Sawyer, who said the prices of steel and iron are, during the war, naturally governed by the American market, and that sooner or later every port which takes metals, and steel in particular, must eventually reflect the American prices.

Interviewed by a representative of the Telegraph, Mr. Sawyer said:—"It is well-known that the price of steel and iron products have steadily advanced, especially during the last eighteen months. There are many causes for this, the chief of which is, of course, the war, the Allied Countries taking so much that some kind of retrenchment has had to take place. Another cause is that before the war American railways, owing to bad business, were economising in the renewal of rolling stock and permanent ways, to say nothing of the extension of branch lines, but they have experienced a run of prosperity during the last eighteen months and they are now giving liberal orders for steel. In fact, everything is pointing to steel, and more steel. The recent Naval Appropriation Bill has brought the U. S. Government and naval contractors in the market for an enormous amount of this commodity, and, in addition, mercantile ship-building is also extremely active. Due, in the main, to the lack of competition from European nations, the steel export trade from the United States has greatly increased, exports from Great Britain and France being hampered by home requirements and the shortage of tonnage. There is a great local demand for steel and iron, especially for steel frame reinforced buildings. As showing the upward tendencies of the market, which are not a mere flash in the pan, in many cases contracts have been entered into for two or three years ahead; consequently the mills are fully booked up, while adding, of course, to their plants."

"Up to the present it seems absolutely certain that no fall in the price of steel products from the United States is reasonably to be looked for within the next few months. The volume of trade may be, however, influenced by the rate of exchange or other factors. Moreover, the demand for labour has increased and must continue to increase, especially for skilled artisans, particularly mill-workers. These reasons, together with the present advance in the price of pig iron, confirm the belief that the price of steel and iron products must steadily advance for the next few months for export to the Far and Middle East. A factor which would lessen the c.i.f. price would be a drop in the freight rates, but for some months to come there seems little likelihood of that on the Pacific."

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PUBLICATIONS
RECEIVED.

Annual Reports.

"The Sixteenth Financial and Economic Annual of Japan."

"There is no denying that the Japanese have taken kindly to the art of drawing up concise and exhaustive reports of the doings of their country and its dependencies; and their latest official Report is, if anything, more elaborately neat, or more neatly elaborate, than its predecessors. On the Finance, Agriculture, Industry, Commerce, Foreign Trade, Banking and Communications of the Empire it is a little mine of information. And this information is tabulated and systematized to such a degree that the reader can discover, almost at a second's notice, e.g. the number of banknotes issued by the Bank of Japan, the capital, earnings and expenses of a given shipping company, the number of applications for patents, or the average daily wage of a labourer. It will be seen therefore that, in addition to its being an official Report drawn up for the satisfaction of the Government of Japan, the volume is further a most valuable handbook for the man in the street, and the compilers are to be congratulated on their production. It should be added that some remarkably good diagrams and a well designed map of the Japan are included in the book."

"Annual Report on Reforms and Progress in Chosen (Korea), 1914-15."

On much the same scale, though in its way even more exhaustive, is the Japanese Government Report on Korea for 1914-15. The volume runs to nearly two hundred large pages, and it provides detailed accounts of the central and local administration of the country together with statistics on educational, scientific and industrial progress. It contains two good maps, endless tables illustrative of the country's varied interests, and a long series of photographs—some of the most artistic we have seen lately. To judge from this Report, all's well with Korea.

School Magazines.
"College Chimes."

The current number of *College Chimes*, the magazine of St. Stephen's College, is even better than its forerunners—and they have invariably been good. The present issue contains a wealth of brightly-written school notes, the conclusion of an article on the drama of South China, by J. Yat Ming-lee; a description of Tai-ping (F.M.S.) by Soo Hoi-mun; "A Day in the Trenches in Serbia," signed R. W. Barney; some verses—passable and anonymous; some very interesting notes on the local Observatory, by T. F. C. Oxton; "On Which the Sun Never Sets," by R. G. Southerton, and an informative little paper dealing with Chinese shorthand, by Wong Pe-keung. All the contributions point to the fact that St. Stephen's College is not asleep as regards matters of live interest, and the editor is to be congratulated on a rattling good magazine.

"The Yellow Dragon."

Less pretensions in bulk than its rival, the *Queen's College* publication is nevertheless quite good. Some verses, signed Hong-hom and entitled "The Crusader's Wooing," attract special attention on account of their quality—which is excellent. There is further information on the subject of a legendary personage known as Willie Gallows: all of it readable and ingenious; and there are one or two papers supplied by *Queen's College* boys themselves which are highly creditable.

No Water.

On her last run up from Hong-kong to Weihaiwei, the *Chong-shing* (Capt. Hetherington) sighted a junk about eighty miles from south of the South-east Promontory, the occupants of which (*Nisippo* Fishermen) were evidently in distress, as they were waving signals for help. On one of the ship's boats reaching the junk, it was found that those on board had run out of fresh water, having been in that plight for three days. A supply was given the fishermen, and the steamer then proceeded on her way.

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Story of A German Company.

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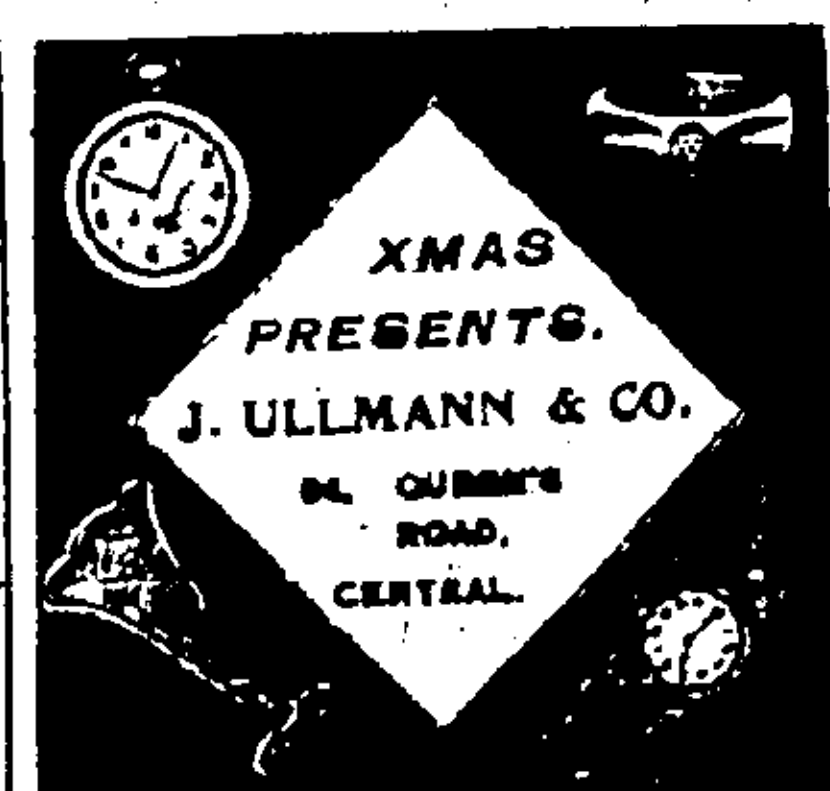
The war history of this enemy concern has been of unusual interest. The proprietor of the business in all its branches, in Germany as well as in England, was Herr Johann von Welfing, and the two managers of the firm on this side were also Germans.

Early in the war the concern was put under the supervision of a controller appointed by the Government, and Mr. Max Muller, one of the managers in England, was allowed by the Home Office to communicate with the proprietor, who lived in Germany, about a proposal to sell the business to an English company. Herr von Welfing telegraphed that he agreed to the sale provided that he had an option to repurchase at the end of the war. The telegram was intercepted by the Censor, with the result that the Home Office refused consent to the proposed transfer to an English company. Thereafter for a time, apparently, the firm was allowed to continue its business in England.

On May 16, 1916, it was announced that an order had been made by the Board of Trade requiring the business to be wound up, and seven weeks later a notice was issued stating that the controller appointed by the Department (Mr. E. Layton Bennett) had decided to sell by tender as a going concern the leases of the premises held by the company near Penzance and in Chisles Street, Bloomsbury, together with the plant and machinery, and that the existing milk contracts and stocks of sanatogen, formamin, &c., would also be disposed of. Nothing more was heard of the matter until towards the end of September, when it was disclosed that sanatogen was still being manufactured and sold by the company, the profits being accumulated and held presumably for the enemy proprietor, and that efforts were actually being made, by the employment of canvassers and the offer of a bonus, to push the sale of the product.

A day or two later it was stated by the controller that instructions had been received from the Board of Trade to sell the business at the earliest possible moment, without any reference to trade marks or goodwill. It was explained that the Board of Trade had ordered the sale as announced on July 3 to be postponed owing to uncertainty whether the trade marks should be cancelled or sold with the other assets, and that they had allowed the firm to go on making and selling sanatogen in order that the farmers who supplied skimmed milk to the business should not find their contracts suddenly ended without an opportunity of renewing them with the purchaser of the factory. It was consequently not until September 27, 1916, nearly 28 months after the outbreak of war, that the Government gave their final directions for the sale of this German undertaking.

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Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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38	15	39	41	44	46	50
15	10	15	16	17	18	20
7	15	7	8	8	9	10
3	17	3	4	4	4	5
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2	St. Julien Claret	"
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1	Old Tom Gin	"
1 phial	Pomeranian Bitters	"

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1	D.O.M.	"
2	Rich Old Port	"
2	Perfection Whisky	"
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VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama	Tamba Maru Capt. Akamatsu T. 12,500 Shidzuoka Maru Capt. Noma T. 12,500	TUES., 19th Dec. at noon. WED., 3rd Jan. at noon.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,600 Aki Maru Capt. K. Yoshikawa T. 13,500	TUES., 16th Jan. at 11 a.m. TUES., 13th Feb. at 11 a.m.
OUTTA via S'pore, P'ang & Rangoon.	Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000	FRIDAY, 29th Dec.
BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & C'bo.	Yorofu Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000	FRIDAY, 22nd Dec.
SHANGHAI and Kobe	Bombay Maru Capt. S. Shinohara T. 8,000	THURSDAY, 21st Dec.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama	Kirin Maru Capt. T. Sasaki T. 8,000	THURSDAY, 21st Dec.
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HONGKONG/HONGKONG	Hutchow	18th Dec. at 10 a.m.
TIENSIN	Kueichow	19th Dec. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taipei	19th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Runkang	19th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Sunling	21st Dec. at 4 p.m.
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SHIPPING NEWS.

Sale of the "Port Jackson." It is reported that Messrs. Devitt and Moore's ocean training ship "Port Jackson," which has played an important part in the training of officers for the British mercantile marine, has been sold to British buyers. The "Journal of Commerce." The "Port Jackson" has been during the whole of her career engaged in the Australian trade, and is as familiarly known in the shipping ports of our far flung colonies as she is in British ports, particularly London. Of very graceful lines and spreading a big area of canvas she was known as a flyer when she had the "slants" she wanted, and some speedy passages stood to her credit. Messrs. Devitt and Moore acquired her about ten years ago. With one hundred boys from the Thames training ship Warspite on board, she was promptly despatched from London for Sydney on a round-the-world training cruise. Subsequently she was employed in conjunction with the Medway, as an ocean training ship for midshipmen. A large number of cadets who have trained in one or other of these fine barques have joined the Royal Reserve or the Army. During her long years of ocean trading the "Port Jackson" has had her narrow escapes. When off Beachy Head in the course of her initial cruise with Warspite boys she was rammed by the German steamer Pyrgos and was cut down almost to the water-line. She was brought back to the Thames, and the necessary repairs were effected. One of her officers on that occasion was Mr. John K. Davis, now well known in Antarctic history, for the part he played in connection with the Shackleton Expedition in the Nimrod, and later with Dr. Mawson's Expedition in the Aurora. The "Port Jackson" is an iron four-masted barque of 2,369 tons gross and 1,994 tons net register and was built in 1882 by Messrs. A. Hall and Co., of Aberdeen.

Deck Loads of Wood Goods. The Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a memorandum, issued by the Canadian Department of Customs to Collectors at Dominion ports, with reference to deck loads of light or heavy wood goods on vessels clearing from Canadian ports. The memorandum is to the following effect:—The British Board of Trade have announced that they will not institute proceedings under section 10 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, against masters or owners of vessels arriving in the United Kingdom between 1st October and 15th November, 1916, or between 30th March and 16th April, 1917, with deck cargoes of light or heavy wood goods under other conditions than those allowed by that section, it being understood that the responsibility of masters and shipowners for ensuring safe and proper loading of vessels in which such cargoes are carried remains unaffected by this concession. To enable the shipping interests in Canada to take advantage of this extension of the summer deckload of wood goods, steamships may be cleared up to 15th November, 1916, and also on and after 15th March, 1917; sailing ships may similarly be cleared on and after 1st March, 1917. In these circumstances collectors are requested to issue the necessary instructions to the officers to grant clearances to any steamship sailing from a Canadian port with a summer deckload of wood goods in accordance with the above decision. It is added, however, that the Department guarantees no immunity to master or owner of vessel if his vessel arrives in the United Kingdom after 1st November.

China Coast Gazette. Mr. W. R. Williams, from reserve; has gone acting chief officer, Koonshing. Mr. R. C. Thompson, chief officer, Koonshing, is on leave. Mr. B. O. Mitford, chief officer, Choyssang, has gone chief officer, Kumsang. Mr. N. W. Van Ootland, chief officer, Kumsang, has gone chief officer, Kutwo. Mr. S. Polkinkhorn, chief officer, Kutwo, has gone chief officer, Choyssang. Mr. T. Dahl, chief officer, Kunning, has resigned. Mr. Johansen, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kunning. Mr. Kirwin, second officer, Kunning, is on leave. Mr. J. Jensen from reserve, has gone second officer, Hangchow. Mr. G. Bolam, from reserve, has gone second officer, Lonan. Mr. F. C. Townsend, supernumerary second officer, Onang, has resigned. Mr. L. E. George, second officer, Yuesang, has resigned. Mr. N. Crosby has been appointed third officer, Hangchow. Shipping news.

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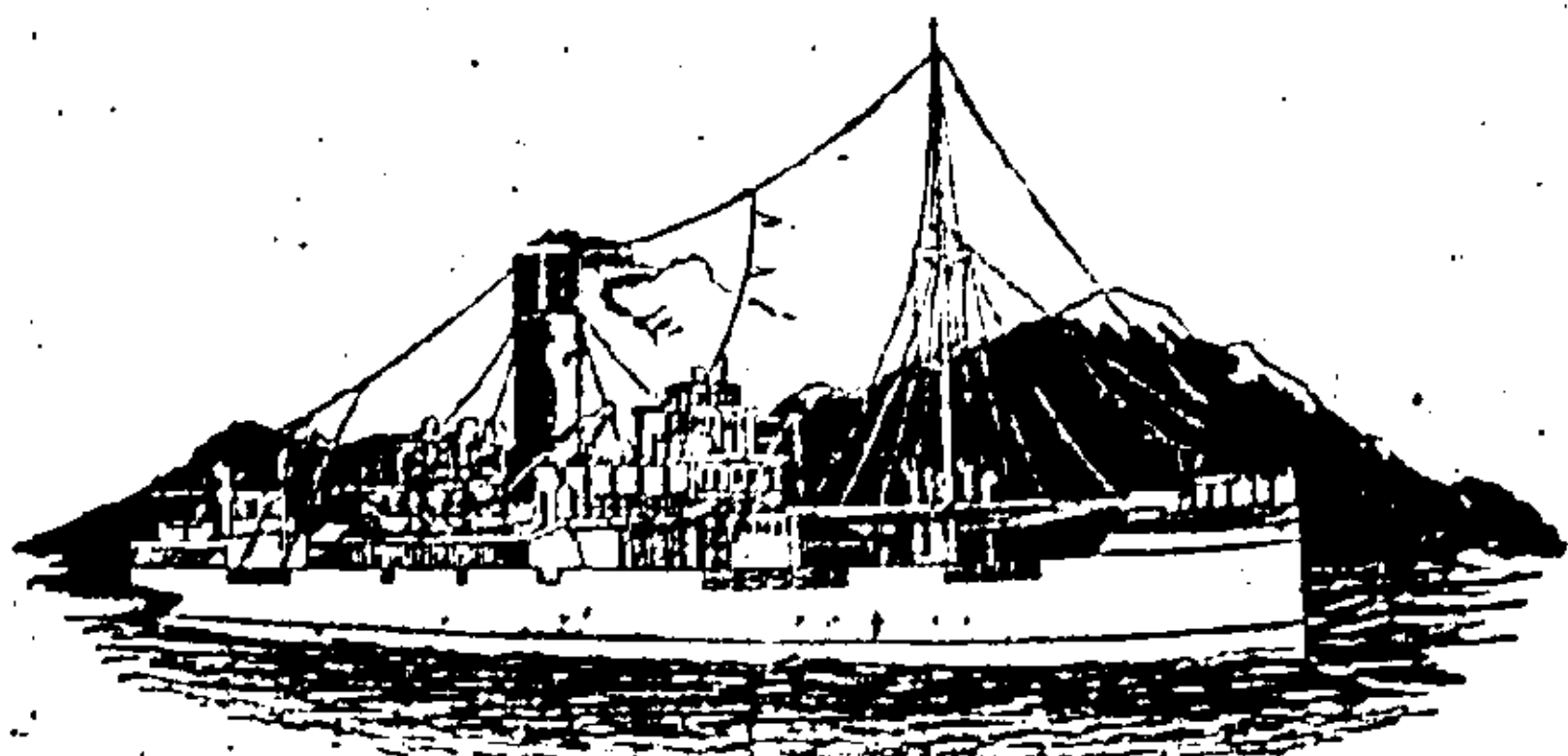
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Liverpool via Ports	Euryptus	B. & S.	31. Dec.
Genoa	Merchare	J. M. Co.	Dec.
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London via Ports	Teucer	B. & S.	10. Jan.

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San Francisco via Japan	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	19. Dec.
Seattle via Japan	Proteslaus	B. & S.	3. Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	28. Dec.
San Francisco via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3. Jan.
Victoria B.C. via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4. Jan.
South American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	9. Jan.
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San Francisco via Japan	China	C. M. S. S.	31. Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	3. Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

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Australia via Manila	Eastern	G. L. Co.	25. Dec.
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Shanghai	Yingchow	B. & S.	17. Dec.
Swatow/Singapore	Kanchow	B. & S.	17. Dec.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kantsang	J. M. Co.	18. Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Tydeus	B. & S.	18. Dec.
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Shanghai and Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	21. Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kirin M.	N. Y. K.	21. Dec.
Haiphong	Loksang	J. M. Co.	22. Dec.
Bombay via Ports	Yotorofu M.	N. Y. K.	22. Dec.
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Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via Swatow	J. C. J. L.	26. Dec.	
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Tea	B. & S.	26. Dec.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	26. Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Phemius	B. & S.	28. Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. & Co.	29. Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Tosa M.	N. Y. K.	29. Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	30. Dec.
Java	Tjimanook	J. C. J. L.	30. Dec.
Kobe	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	31. Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Nyanza	P. & O.	1. Jan.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Teenkai	B. & S.	3. Jan.
Shanghai	Tjitaroom	J. C. J. L.	3. Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4. Jan.
Sandakan	Hinsang	J. M. Co.	5. Jan.
Shanghai and Japan	Antiochus	B. & S.	16. Jan.

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S.S. "TENYO MARU"

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The above named steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo remaining undelivered on 14th December, at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 19th December, at 5 p.m.

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T. DAIGO,

Agent.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1916.

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The Pacific Mail Co.'s S.S. "COLOMBIA" will leave San Francisco for Hongkong on March 10, via Honolulu and Japan Ports.

Three CHINA arrived in San Francisco on Tuesday, December 12, in accordance with schedule, and will sail from there on time Friday, December 22. She is due to arrive in Hongkong on January 30, 1917.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The S.S. "JAPAN" from Calcutta left Singapore on the 14th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 20th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Wiley, Br., ss. 4,399, Ruthen, 4th Sept. — Vungro Bay, 30th Aug. Gen.—B. L. Euphrosia, Br., ss. 2,360, Haver, 5th Dec.—Shanghai, 1st Dec. Ballast—A. F. Co.

General Waceland, Nor., ss. 2,989, Hansen, 7th Dec.—Moji, 2nd Dec. Coal—Bradley & Co.

Yai M. Jap., ss. 1,753, Nishikawa, 7th Dec.—Wakamatsu, 1st Dec. Coal—M. B. K.

Chihun, Br., ss. 1,360, Sidford, 8th Dec.—Manila, 5th Dec. Gen.—B. & S. Kashi, Br., ss. 1,143, Byers, 9th Dec.—Swatow, 8th Dec.—B. & S.

Yahiko M. Jap., ss. 1,800, Noda, 9th Dec.—Moji, 1st Dec. Coal—M. B. K. Loksang, Br., ss. 979, Ritchie, 10th Dec.—Haikow, 7th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Benavon, Br., ss. 2,549, Martie, 11th Dec.—Singapore, 1st Dec. Gen.—G. L. & Co. Bourbon, Fr., ss. 997, 11th Dec.—Saigon, 5th Dec. Rice—E. H. Ray & Co.

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Kanchow, Br., ss. 1,422, Lewis, 12th Dec.—Swatow, 11th Dec. Gen.—B. & S. Kumakata M. Jap., ss. 1,034, Ohara, 12th Dec.—Kobe, 10th Dec. Rice—Order.

Loongsang, Br., ss. 1,092, Loak, 13th Dec.—Manila, 9th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Haidin, Nor., ss. 1,065, Sreen, 13th Dec.—Swatow, 12th Dec. Rice—Chinese. Kajo M. Jap., ss. 1,126, 13, Egawa, 13th Dec.—Swatow, 12th Dec. Gen.—O. S. K.

Tenyo M. Jap., ss. 1,338, 25, Smith, 13th Dec.—San Francisco, 11th Nov. Gen.—T. K. K.

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Tamba M. Jap., ss. 3,293, 19, Akamatsu, 14th Dec.—Shanghai, Gen.—N. Y. K. Cheongching, Br., ss. 1,758, Ketherington, 15th Dec.—Weihaiwei, 10th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

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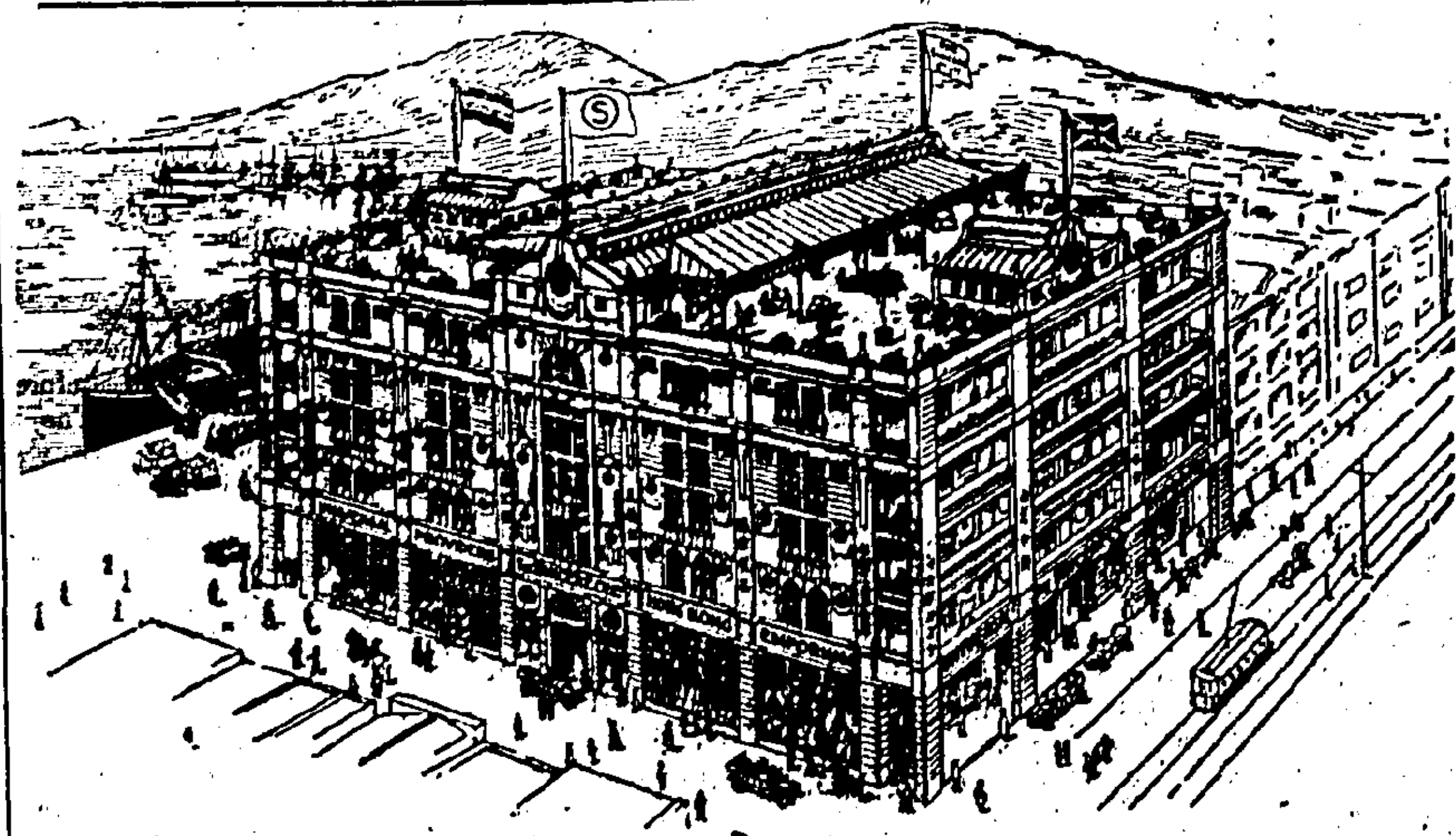
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Wed. 13	11.41	5.11	11.41	5.11
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THE HONGKONG A.D.C. PRODUCTION.

A Brilliant Gala Night Success.

In its days, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has presented to the public some really remarkable productions for a body which, in a relatively small European community, suffers handicaps unknown to similar organisations at home. But it has probably never equaled, and has certainly never excelled, the presentation of "Kismet," which was staged for the first time in the Far East at the Theatre Royal last night. It is practically only within the past few years—since the advent here of Mr. Walter Sinclair, in fact—that the Club has set itself out to produce plays of marked spectacular charm, and, despite the manifest drawbacks caused by the lack of adequate staging facilities in the Colony, it has succeeded most marvelously. Those who recall the production of "The Bluebird" and of "Twelfth Night" know what artistic triumphs these plays were from the point of view of stage setting, but it is the unanimous verdict of all present at the gala performance last night that, for sheer gorgeous richness and colour effect, "Kismet" easily tops all that has gone before. The play was really beautifully staged, and what is equally essential to a production of this kind, the real Oriental atmosphere was preserved and maintained by fine acting and specially appropriate music composed for the occasion.

The story of the play has already been told in our columns, and it is not therefore necessary to recapitulate it. In brief, it is a tale of Oriental intrigue, stoicism and revenge. To put it in the words of the introduction to the programme, "Kismet" is a play that strives to capture, not only the imagination and adventure, but also the colour of the East of the Arabian nights. Hajji, the beggar and his hero, in a single day, carries with a sang-froid that is magnificent, the whole world of the Orient—its beauty, its brutality, its poetry and its comedy—upon his broad shoulders. And it not only seeks to convey all that these words convey—it succeeds in doing so. For an amateur society, the undertaking is an extremely ambitious one. In the hands of unqualified interpreters, "Kismet" would be a miserable failure—a hopeless jumble. But, by a close study of its underlying motive, a careful analysis of every character in it, and magnificent stage settings, the Hongkong A.D.C. has succeeded where even many a professional company would come far short of what is required. There are three acts in the play, the action of which, as has already been indicated, is supposed to take place in a single day. But there are, in these acts, no fewer than ten scenes—a circumstance which, in itself, would be sufficient to scare most amateur bodies from attempting to produce the piece. The magnitude of the producer's task is therefore apparent, and when we say that the play was a great triumph from the striking matter in which it was put on, some idea will be gained of the amount of work which Mr. Sinclair has put into it. For very many weeks he has worked with unflagging zeal on "Kismet," and last night he and his willing co-workers had their reward in the hearty and unstinted appreciation shown by an audience which crowded the building to its very doors. Before leaving the aspect of actual production, a tribute must here be paid to Mrs. C. H. P. Hay, by whom, and under whose supervision, the gorgeous costumes were designed and made. She has rendered invaluable help all the way through. A word must also be said of the painting of the scenery, which, to the original designs of Mr. Sinclair, was done by Pte. H. G. O'row, 4th K.S.L.I., and Pte. J. B. Jones, R.E.; their work was altogether admirable. The lighting arrangements, which

were most effective, were under the control of Mr. Denman Fuller, and the properties by Mr. A. M. Preston and Mr. J. H. Ramsay, while Mr. W. A. Cornell and Mr. P. O'row were most useful right-hand men to the producer as stage assistants, as also was Mr. E. Mitchell as prompter. Stage accessories were kindly lent by Ye Cheong, of Flower Street, Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co., and Messrs. Komor and Komor.

Coming to the acting, chief honours naturally fall to Mr. C. H. P. Hay in the role of Hajji the beggar, who, in a single day, tastes all the joys and sorrows of life. His work is the outstanding feature of the production; one can hardly conceive of the part being more finely handled. An old hand at theatricals, Mr. Hay has many successes to his credit, but in this piece he excels all his previous accomplishments. Whether as the poor and lowly beggar, the pride-swollen expectant of high office, the revengeful hater, or the agonised, distraught schemer at the end of his resources, he is always deeply convincing and wonderfully natural, and to him more than to anyone else the success of the play is largely due. We have seen many clever pieces of amateur acting, but few, if any, more thoroughly good than Mr. Hay's Hajji. The other parts are subsidiary to that of the beggar, but there are one or two other members of the cast on whom not a little work falls. The Caliph was impersonated by Mr. Findlay Smith, who maintained the dignity of the part most admirably and also acted with appropriate tenderness as the lover of Marishah. The latter role was in the hands of Mrs. Evans, who had a rare appreciation of all that the part called for. She was certainly one of the successes of the evening. Mr. L. N. Leefe, as the Wazir Mansur, was admirably suited to the character, while Mr. M. S. Northcote added to a long list of previous successes by a very clever study of the Sheikh Jawan, Hajji's chief enemy. Mrs. Milner Jones had a very difficult task in the part of Mas Mansur's first wife, the queen of the harem, but she rose to the occasion well. A word must also be said of the manner in which Mrs. Manning played the role of the old nurse, as also of the clever dancing of Miss Wilkins, while Mr. Bullock must not be forgotten as the storyteller and the goaler. The other parts were also in capable hands. The full cast was as follows:—

Hajji, Mr. C. H. P. Hay; The Muezzin, Mr. J. M. Walker; The Imam Mahmud, Mr. J. Young; A Mufti, Mr. J. H. Ramsay; The Guide Nasir, Mr. A. M. Preston; The Sheikh Jawan, Mr. M. S. Northcote; The Beggar Kasim, Mr. E. F. Mattingly; Amru, Mr. S. Komor; Zayd, Mr. Komor; Amru's Apprentice, Mr. B. Caldwell; Zayd's Apprentice, Mr. L. D. Purves; The Caliph Abdulla, Mr. V. Findlay Smith; The Wazir Abu Bakr, Mr. C. Champkin; The Wazir Mansur, Mr. L. N. Leefe; Kafur, Mansur's Sword, Mr. R. G. Herbert; Afife, his Secretary, Mr. E. L. Sim; The Captain of the Watch, Mr. J. A. Ridgway; An Attendant of Mansur, Mr. E. Mitchell; An Attendant of the Caliph, Mr. J. H. Ramsay; A Herald of the Caliph, Mr. P. S. Cassidy; A Sweet-seller, Mr. J. H. Ramsay; Flower-boy, Mr. Dick d'Almeida e Castro; The Donkey-man, Mr. J. Young; The Goatman, Mr. E. F. Scull; The Monkeyman, Mr. J. S. Jones; Water Carrier, Mr. J. M. Walker; A Blind Man, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock; A Chinaman, Mr. G. W. O. Burnett; The Goaler Kutay, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock; Marishah, Hajji's Daughter, Mrs. Evans; Najie, her Nurse, Mrs. W. Manning; K. birah, an Old Woman, Miss L. Tolan; Miskab, a Slave, Mrs. Hammond; Kut-al-Kulub, Mansur's first wife, Mrs. Milner Jones; The Almsh, Principal Dancer, Miss D. Filkin; The Storyteller was Mr. J. A. E. Bullock.

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M. E. Long, Stokes, Basave, L. M. Rosset and V. Rosset, Bedouins and Egyptians.—Messrs. L. B. Eton, F. B. Silva, A. R. Tavaras and Miss Haynes. Dignitaries, W. Sims and Kasim.—Messrs. Alva Tavaras, H. J. Jones, L. O. R. Sousa, C. O. Danenberg, A. E. Botello, R. A. Brand, E. Osmund, M. J. Danenberg, L. A. Gutierrez, J. Day, B. S. Setna and G. V. Osmund.

Dancers.—Misses P. d'Almeida, D. Basave, M. de Souza and E. Osmund. Musicians.—Messrs. M. E. Long, V. Basave, Basave, and Stokes. Kut-al-Kulub's Attendants.—Mrs. E. L. Sim, and the Misses L. M. Rosset, D. Nixon, Haynes, Lammert, and L. Toll n.

One of the features of "Kismet" as it is produced by the Hongkong A.D.C. is its music, which has been specially written by Mr. Norman Peterkin, a local composer of considerable genius. This is not by any means the first work he has done, as he is a prolific and most promising writer of songs and piano music. Many of our readers have no doubt already heard his Overture Stady and his Dreamer's Tales for the piano, which have been played by Mr. Denman Fuller at piano-forte recitals. In "Kismet" Mr. Peterkin has cleverly caught an Eastern atmosphere by his themes, which are harmonised in quite modern style, and the effect is decidedly piquant. If this music, in the orchestration of which Mr. Denman Fuller has rendered valuable help and supervision, had been heard in London, we have no doubt that it would have created a deep impression and established Mr. Peterkin as a composer worthy of notice. In interpreting the music last night, the orchestra, which the composer himself conducted, gave a very good account of itself, though it was handicapped by the fact that several instruments necessary to give perfect balance were not available. One can imagine how gorgeous the music would sound if played by a really full orchestra. The pieces comprise Prelude, March, Marishah's dance, Oriental dance and Valse lente as instrumental music, while the vocal items are songs for Marishah and the Caliph, as well as the duet for the same voices.

The words to the Caliph's song are the well-known lines from "Omar"—"I sometimes think that never grows so red a rose" and Mr. Findlay Smith gave a splendid interpretation of it. He possesses a magnificent baritone voice, and is undoubtedly one of the finest singers in the Colony. Marishah's song, by Mrs. Evans, was also excellently sung. But we think that the dust is the item most likely to command popularity: it is very finely conceived and was most effectively rendered last night. The orchestra was composed of the following:—

First violins.—Miss V. O'row, Miss P. Gordon, Mr. W. R. Neighbour and Mr. C. P. Xavier Second violins.—Mr. A. Braga, Mr. S. Gray, Miss E. Judah, Mrs. A. W. L. Robertson and Mr. J. M. Rosario. Viola.—Mr. J. Grace O'row. Cello.—Mr. P. A. Rosario. Flute.—Mr. J. D. Osmund. Clarinet.—Mr. S. Pinna. Trombone.—Mr. A. Osmund. Piano.—Miss Esther Xavier. Organ.—Mr. E. J. Chapman. Conductor: Mr. N. Peterkin.

Next to the success of the play itself, the enthusiastic manner in which members of the society and others had worked beforehand must be mentioned. The whole of the performances are in aid of the Star and Garter Fund, and for such a worthy object there has been no lack of willing helpers, all of whom have given their services gratuitously. In the designing of posters, Mrs. J. D. Danby, Mr. L. Ros and Mr. M. A. Baptista put out some very striking appeals, as also did Mr. E. L. Sim in like work and in producing the rather unique covers to the programme and the incidental music, the print of which is being sold for the Fund mentioned.

Then the financial success of the undertaking was materially aided by the thorough campaign carried out by numerous ladies in selling advanced tickets. Their names are as follows:—Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. Apoor, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Beavis, Mrs. Beckwith, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bowley, Mrs. Carleton, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Chapman, Lady Chubb, Mrs. Churchill, Mrs.

YARN AND INDIAN SUNDRIES.

Messrs. Setna and Company's Report.

Messrs. S. D. Setna & Co., in their report dated December 14, state:—

Cotton:—Market ruled steady. Sales nil. Unsold stock is estimated about 600 packages. Reported closing quotations:—\$25 to \$31 per picul.

Indian Yarn:—During the early part of the fortnight under review our yarn market ruled steady and a small amount of business transpired. Lately, owing to the rise in the rate of exchange, and a limited inquiry from the interior, where clearances are nominal, market ruled weak and prices show a decline of about \$2 to \$3 per bale. Sales during the fortnight are reported of about 2,000 bales, comprising about 1,400 bales of No. 10s 300 bales of No. 12s, 50 bales of No. 16 and 250 bales of No. 20s. Unsold stock is estimated at about 16,000 bales. Sold but uncleaned stock about 12,000 ½ bales.

Sundry Articles:—Imports. Owing to the heavy rise in the rate of exchange, the imports showed their desire to quit the holdings but owing to the weak state of the market a very limited business was transacted in apricots \$32 (per picul), gum alibum at \$8 to \$12 (per picul), kismia at \$40 to \$42 (per picul), and senna leaves at \$20 (per picul). In exports, a very nominal business is reported in green beans at \$3½ (per picul), and galangal at \$9 (per picul).

Denison, Mrs. Dodwell, Mrs. Ede, Mrs. Edkins, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Finlay Miller, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Forsyth, Mrs. Galuzzi, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Gubbay, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Harry Hancock, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Holyoak, Lady Ho Tung, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Keigwin, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Lammert, Miss Lammer, Mrs. Lang, Madame Leoble, Mrs. Lindsey Woods, Mrs. Looker, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Milner Jones, Mrs. Ormiston, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Potter, Miss Rodger, Mrs. Sachse, Mrs. Shellim, Mrs. Stabb, Mrs. Stedman, Mrs. Southerland, Mrs. Tisdall, Mrs. Wakeman, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Worcester.

Thanks are also due to Mr. E. F. Scull (for the loan of a goat); Mr. F. A. Stevenson (for the loan of a donkey); Mr. F. M. Gutierrez (for training pigeons). Messrs. Montrie and Co., Ltd., Lane, Crawford and Co., Ltd., Komor and Komor, Robinson Piano Co., Ltd., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., C. E. Warren and Co., the Hongkong Printing Press, Karamally and Co., Mehta and Co., Ah-Men and Hing Cheong, Bon Ton, the Sincere Co., Ltd., Chokaram, Madame Flint, the Hongkong Daily Press, the S. C. Morning Post, the Hongkong Telegraph, the China Mail.

Others who usefully helped were Mr. V. Findlay Smith and Mr. J. Bentley as advertising agents, and Mr. W. R. Mansfield as advance booking agent. The whole of the arrangements were, in fact, admirably schemed, thanks to the organising ability of the members of the Committee, who are as follows:—Col. Chapman, V.D., Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, and Messrs. H. W. Bird, C. H. P. Hay, W. Sinclair, W. G. Worcester and M. S. Northcote.

The Patrons of the Club are:—H.E. the Governor (Sir Henry Moly, K.O.M.G.), Vice-Admiral W. L. Grant, C.B., R.N., H.E. Major-General Ventris, and Commodore Sandeman, R.N. His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady May and party, attended the performance and was received on arrival outside the theatre by the guard of honour drawn from the St. John Ambulance Corps, the members of which presented a very smart appearance. The play is being repeated to-night.

THE OUTLOOK IN INDIA.

Interview with Sir Krishna Gupta.

Very nearly ten years have passed since Lord Morley prefaced his important schemes of constitutional reform in India by making room on the Secretary of State's Council in Whitehall for two members of Indian race—a Hindu and a Moslem. The first Hindu member of the Indian Council was Sir Krishna G. Gupta, an able and experienced member of the Indian Civil Service—indeed, the only Indian member of that service who has risen to the administrative rank just below the executive headship of a province. Retiring in 1915, after serving the full term of seven years in the India Office, Sir Krishna Gupta is now on the point of returning to India. Interviewed by a representative of the *Manchester Guardian*, he had various things of interest to say in regard to the outlook.

Questioned first as to the prevalent feeling in India, Sir Krishna said that, while there was no serious unrest, it was undeniably true that there existed a good deal of doubt and mistrust, coupled with a somewhat despairing expectation. Why was it that, amid the widespread discussion of Imperial reconstruction after the war, India was so frequently left out, or, at best, referred to only in the briefest and vaguest terms?

In the early stages of the war, and while a large Indian contingent remained on the western front, the value of the services rendered to the Empire by India was everywhere insisted upon. Public men, from the Prime Minister and Mr. Bonar Law downwards, used language which implied an unmistakable intention. The response of India to the call of the paramount Power seemed to be accepted as an unanswerable argument for a new and more generous method of treatment. India, it was assumed, must in future be a partner and not merely a subject member of the Empire.

Naturally expectation was aroused in India. The loyalty of the princes and people, the valour of the Indian troops, had been tested. Surely India could henceforward be trusted, and her affairs administered in a spirit more consonant with the speeches of leading statesmen in England? On the contrary, however, what the public in India saw was that the hand of the Executive was heavier than before. The Press Act and the Arms Act were being enforced with the utmost severity. Under the Defence of India Act the summary powers of the Administration were employed in the raiding of private houses and the internment or deportation of persons who, for one reason or another, are suspected by or obnoxious to the authorities. It was noteworthy that during the past two years this severity was not directed only against active members of Hindu organisations, the Mohammedan community, once treated as though it had almost a monopoly of loyalty to the Government, was suffering in a marked degree. Its papers had been suppressed and some of its ablest leaders interned.

This state of affairs, Sir Krishna explained, added immensely to the existing difficulties of all moderate reformers, and all the constitutional leaders, both Hindu and Mohammedan. The Nationalist movement, as was well known, had an extremist section which was only too ready to rebel against the leadership of those who had directed the Indian National Congress and the Moslem League, and whose efforts had been exerted to keep the modern political movement in constitutional channels. But what was the position of these men to-day? They were taunted with the impotence of their attempts to influence the Government, and the danger was that the reform organisations which had been built up by the elders might be captured by the extremists.

What, then, Sir Krishna was asked, can or should be done? There were two things, he replied, which were of special urgency. First, there could be no real progress towards the

THE YARN MARKET.

A Dull and Featureless Fortnight.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, in their report dated Dec. 15, state:—

Our last report is dated the 30th ult. The firmer advices in the beginning of the period, cabled from Bombay, pointing to a further enhancement of values by spinners, have had little influence on this market, which has continued dull and featureless, the fortnight throughout. Clearances have gone from bad to worse and the recent high-priced contracts seem to find an extremely slow movement. The nervous feeling engendered by this unresponsive character of enquiries from the interior has been aggravated by the pronounced upward tendency manifested by silver, with the result that dealers refuse to operate to any extent.

In view of the several factors that militate against each other, it is difficult to foresee the course of the market; however, having regard to the position of Bombay spinners which, at today's cotton, is otherwise than enviable, and in view of the poor prospective supplies, any serious set-back to the present values would appear far from likely.

Sales during the fortnight only amount to 2,200 bales. Rates on the whole, are barely steady. Unsold and undelivered 28,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The extra steamer Kasato Maru and the mail steamer Novara from Bombay have brought in 8,000 bales for Hongkong and 11,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports 1,000 bales.

Shanghai.—Has practically the same story to tell, the sales reported being 2,500 bales with a steady market.

Japanese Yarns.—Have likewise been an uninteresting market, with hardly any alteration in rates. Only 300 bales kishiwada 20s are reported sold at \$168.

Raw Cotton.—No sales in Bengal or Chinese. Quotations:—Bengal at \$25 to \$31. Chinese at \$30 to \$37 per picul.

Full Court.

It is notified for general information that the Full Court of three Judges, as constituted by the Full Court Ordinances, 1912 and 1915, will hold its next sitting on Monday, January 15, 1917, at 10.30 a.m.

solution of the Indian problem until the question of military service and responsibility had been faced. The whole people was humiliated by the continued refusal of the Government to open the army to the educated classes of India. The question was not met by the holding out of possible careers to members of the aristocracy. The whole of India in this great crisis had shown herself worthy of trust, and trust was the only safe and righteous policy.

Secondly, Sir Krishna urged, the Secretary of State and the Viceroy should be empowered to make some considered statement of Imperial policy in relation to India after the war. No responsible party or body in India was making extravagant demands. The difficulty was, and the great peril of the situation, that nothing whatever had been said, no hint had been given, of what was intended. India did not know what to expect, and she could not be blamed for fearing that, as too often in the past, her interests and her cause might suffer injury and neglect. The future of the Dominions in the Imperial system was a subject of constant discussion, but the people of India could not be encouraged by such discussion. Recent history showed that a future in which the affairs of India were subject to the influence of colonial opinion—that is, to the opinion of British Dominions from which Indians were debarré—might well be no advance upon the present.

The times are critical, but, Sir Krishna Gupta holds, India provides England with a magnificent opportunity of making the future not merely secure but glorious.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Further Amendment of Local Ordinance.

The Importation and Exportation Ordinance has been amended as follows:—

The following headings are deleted:—(b) gloves made wholly or partly of leather; (c) hemp braid; (d) hemp, other than Manila hemp; (e) hemp, Manila; hemp, the following manufactures of:—(b) binder and reaper twine; (c) cloth; (d) cordage and twine (except cordage or twine of Manila hemp, or binder or reaper twine); (e) cordage and twine of Manila hemp; (b) hemp rope, old; (b) hemp waste; (b) needles, hosiery; (b) sheepskins, haired or woolled; silk and silk manufactures, the following:—(b) broad silks of all kinds, whether all silk or of silk mixed with other yarns (except with artificial silk yarn or metal threads), in the grey or discharged, undyed, dyed or printed but unweighted; (b) silk braid, silk cloth silk thread, suitable for cartridges; (b) schappe and spun yarns; (b) Shantung silk; (b) silk, raw or thrown; (b) silk waste.

The following headings are added:—

(c) Agar-agar; (b) basic slag and superphosphates; (b) binder twine (except binder twine made of Manila hemp); (b) copper, cables containing copper; (c) gloves made wholly or partly of leather; hemp and hemp manufactures, the following:—(b) Italian, Russian and Manila hemp, magney fibre, and manufactures thereof; (c) other hemp and manufactures thereof (except binder twine); (b) needles, hosiery machine (latch and beard-ed); (c) quillain bark; (b) sheepskins, haired or woolled, and pelts; silk and silk manufactures, the following:—(b) cocoons; (b) raw silk and all threads, yarns and twists thereof (except thrown silk undyed); (b) all threads, yarns and twists of Tussah silk and of artificial silk; (b) silk waste of all kinds (including artificial silk waste) and all threads, yarns and twists thereof, including noils and noils yarn; (c) tissues and fabrics of silk of all kinds and widths (including artificial silk), whether pure or mixed with other yarns or material, in the grey or discharged, undyed, dyed or printed, unweighted or weighted. (c) made up articles of silk or artificial silk of all kinds, whether pure or mixed with other yarns or materials; woods, the follows:—(c) poplar.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Its Present Constitution.

The present constitution of the Board of Examiners is published in the *Gazette* for general information as follows:—

The Director of Education, Chairman.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Chief Assistant to the Secretary for the Chinese Affairs.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police.

The Assistant Superintendent of Police.

The Assistant District Officer for the Southern District of the New Territories.

Rev. Thomas William Pearce.

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Mr. Robert Oliphant Hutchison.

Mr. John Roskrige Wood.

Mr. David William Trueman.

Mr. Alan Eastase Wood.

Mr. Nicholas George Nolan.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-Pak.

The first six are *ex officio* members, while those marked with an asterisk are members of the Sub-Committee for the examination of subordinate officers of the Police and Gaoi in English, Chinese, and Hindustani.

Prize Day.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to present the prizes at Queen's College on Monday, January 15.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH EXTRA

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1916.

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

BRITISH SEAPLANES ACTIVE.

December 15, 7.55 p.m.

The Admiralty announces that seaplanes, on December 14, heavily bombed the Kuleli-Burgas Bridge, to the south of Adrianople, doing extensive damage.

A TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' ULTIMATUM.

December 14, 5.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that a twenty-four hour's ultimatum was handed in at three o'clock on December 14. It demands the withdrawal of the entire force from Thessaly, the transfer of a specified proportion of the force to Peloponnesus, with arms and ammunition.

Demands for reparation in connection with the events of December 1 and 2 will follow.

COLONEL'S MAGNIFICENT HEROISM.

December 15, 8.00 p.m.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Col. Bernard Freyberg, of the West Surrey Regt., who, by his brilliant leadership and after contempt for danger, carried enemy front trenches, rallied and re-formed his men, and successfully attacked a second objective, taking many prisoners. He again rallied his men, and held a very advanced position, unsupported and under heavy fire, for the remainder of the day and all night. When he was re-inforced in the morning he organised and personally led an attack on a strongly fortified village, which he captured, taking five hundred prisoners. He was four times wounded, but refused to leave the line till he had issued final instructions and had enabled the most advanced objective—on which the line was eventually to be formed—to be held.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. ANOTHER DUMPING CASE.

Annual General Meeting.

At the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, at which after some discussion a dividend at the rate of 28 per cent. was approved, Baron Kondo, the president of the big Japanese steamship company, delivered a speech on the prospects of the shipping trade. He attributed the large profits of the company to the increase in freight rates caused by the shortage of bottoms due to the war, and expressed the opinion that boom conditions would last until the next meeting, but pointed out that the great increase in the price of coal and other necessities would cut into the profits for the next term. The meeting was held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, on November 29.

As a whole the trade may be as prosperous as ever during next year, said the president, but it must be borne in mind when considering the position of shipping companies that owing to the abnormal advance in wages and fuel the running expenses of the companies will greatly increase, and in consequence minimize the income of the line generally. In the case of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha for instance, ¥. 4,500,000 more will have to be paid for coal during the next half year.

The tonnage of the world's mercantile marine is on the decline at present, continued the speaker. According to latest investigations the total tonnage of the world's mercantile marine is estimated at 45,247,724 tons against 45,403,890 tons a year ago. Thus the gross decline in the figure for the past twelve months comes up to 156,165 tons. Further, taking into account the enemy ships held up, the tonnage of ships held back from trade is estimated at 42 per cent. of the whole tonnage of the mercantile marine of the world registered previous to the war.

However, this loss in the mercantile fleet is being rapidly made good. According to the latest report to hand, observed the baron, Great Britain has drawn up a plan to build 5,000,000 tons of shipping, while Italy will build ships aggregating 1,500,000 tons. Even Germany will construct new ships with a combined tonnage of 650,000 tons. Here, if the plans of

Body Thrown into a Gutter.

Yet another case of dumping a dead body of a Chinese obviously suffering from small-pox, was before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, when a Chinese was charged with dumping the dead body of his 17-year-old son.

Inspector Kent said that death had obviously taken place from small-pox.

Defendant said that when he and his son were together on the s.s. Kut Lee there was still a flicker of life in the boy. When they got ashore, he died on the wharf.

An Indian constable said he saw the defendant put the body in the gutter and then walk away.

Inspector Kent said he did not believe defendant's story about the boy coming from the boat, for no steamer arrived so late as midnight, and no captain would bring a person so obviously suffering from the disease.

Defendant said that he had received a verbal message that his son was going to arrive and he (defendant) came down from An Tau, (Chinese Territory) to meet him.

His Worship considered it a serious case and inflicted a fine of \$200.

The different shipping lines he carried out, ships with a combined tonnage of 400,000 tons will be almost very shortly.

Thus the world's mercantile marine is recovering its strength at a rapid rate and once the war is brought to an end all the ships held up will re-appear on the seas to resume their trade, but international commerce will not expand at such a pace. Therefore, it is open to question whether the present prosperity of the shipping trade can be maintained long after the close of the war.

Baron Kondo emphasized the fact that the best brains must prepare against this after-war change in trade and the success or otherwise of the measure thus devised is the pivot on which the fortune of the line turns. The P. & O. S.N. Company, for example, is pushing on with its plans for after-the-war, but the steps being taken are kept secret.

HONGKONG TRADE.

Features of the Past Fortnight.

The Fortnightly Price Current and Market Report issued by the Chamber of Commerce under date of December 15 contains the following:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods. Since we last wrote cotton has declined to 11.63d but home prices for cloth do not appear to be affected by the drop in the price of the raw material. A moderate business has been effected in staples at improved rates. No new transactions are reported in fancy goods but prices on this side have improved.

Cotton Yarn. — The market generally has ruled quiet and the demand has been small, due to the sharp decline in American cotton and the rise in exchange. Quotations are:— No. 10s at \$110/132. No. 12s at \$120/131. No. 16s at \$137/152. No. 20s at \$140/173. Arrivals 10,500 bales. Sales 2,000 bales. Shipments 700 bales. Unsold stock 12,000 bales. Bargains 18,000 bales.

Metals.—Apart from a good demand for tinplates, which have touched \$18.50 per box, business continues dull. Lead has firmed up, but few sales are reported. Nails are extremely quiet. There are still large quantities to be cleared. Quotations from London and America are firm, advances having to be reported in most lines.

Flour Market Report.—American Market: No advices and no sales to Far East. Australia: Market strong. Believe export prohibited except to England, etc. Locally: Dead market. Little demand. Singapore has been relieving this market of some of the old stock. Quotations:—American Patent, \$4; American Out off, \$3.40; American Straight, \$3.35; Shanghai Flour, \$3—\$3.05.

Coal.—Prices have advanced since our last report, but there are no sales to record.

Sugar.—Local market very dull, demand for browns being mainly for export to the North.

Canton Silk.—Messrs. Herbert Dent and Co., report under date of November 18, as follows:—Stock:—4,000 bales. Market silk.—The fortnight under review opened with a slightly higher exchange and gradually advanced until the 10th instant when a weaker tendency was shown and rates gradually declined about 2 per cent. remaining steady at the close. As exchange fell dealers promptly raised prices for their stocks in about the same ratio. Holders, however, were compelled by the dearth of money to be somewhat easy sellers. Buying was continued daily on a small scale for France, French buyers being most prominent. Settlements for America have been about as large as during the previous fortnight. Advices from Lyons state that the export of silk to Switzerland has been prohibited and this perhaps accounts for the smaller settlements for that market. Prices show a gain of \$30 to \$40 per picul on Extra Extra A, star shops, and other sorts in proportion during the fortnight. 22/25 drs. is much enquired for and relatively higher in price. Waste.—Lodell. Scarcity of labour in England hampers spinners and export to the Continent is also difficult. The American Market still continues open but buyers are holding off somewhat for the moment.

Departed.

Among the passengers who left to-day by the s.s. Nankin were Sir Charles Elliot, K.C.M.G., and Dr. Wu Lien-teh.

DAY BY DAY.

Golfers' Service.

Golfers are reminded that a special service for them will be held at the Cathedral tomorrow at 8.30, when the address will be delivered by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin.

Pickpocket.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a silver watch from the pocket of another Chinese who was otherwise engaged in helping an old man up a ricksha. Nothing was known about the man. His Worship sent him to prison for two days and ordered that he should receive ten strokes of the birch.

Alleged Embezzlement.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with embezzlement of \$790 from his master, a stall holder in the market. Mr. W. E. L. Shenon appeared for the prosecution. Defendant said he had lost the money in the road, but it was stated that he had actually lost it at Macao gambling. The case was adjourned for a week.

A Thin Story.

A woman has reported to the Police how she was tricked by a particularly thin story. A man came up to her while she was walking in the street and said that he had borrowed \$100 from her grandson and wanted to pay it back to her, so that she could hand it over. He asked her to follow him and took her into a stairway in Bridge Street where he asked her for her gold hair press as her grandson wanted a copy of it. She gave it to the man who has not been seen since.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. J. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Cases in Court.

Staff Inspectors Wilding, Clarke and Langan are prepared to assist any Police Reserve in the conduct of a case in Court. Members may always find at least one of these officers at the Imports and Exports office at 9 a.m. any morning, or may telephone (No. 50).

Police School.

Monday, Dec. 18.—Class I (Chief Inspector Kerr). Tuesday, Dec. 19.—Class II (Inspector Gordon). Thursday, Dec. 21.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard). Friday, Dec. 22.—Class IV (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Service Band.

Thursday, Dec. 21.—No. 2 Company, Band and Orchestra. Friday, Dec. 22.—Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons and Water Police. Wednesday, Dec. 21.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers. Thursday, Dec. 23.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.

Inspection of Arms.

No. 1 Company and Maxim Gunners (including medical example) will return their Rifles to the Armoury between 5.15 and 5.45 p.m. as follows:— Tuesday, Dec. 19.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections and Maxim Gunners. Friday, Dec. 22.—Nos. 3 and 4 Sections. Each man must attach to his Rifle a tab bearing his name, collar number and Section.

BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

The following is the draw of a billiard handicap which will commence at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Monday night:—
P. H. May (rec. 10) v. Charlton (ows 40); Lannigan (ows 40) v. Molod (ows 20); Kelly (ows 90) v. O. Hadley (ows 130); Lingfield (rec. 40) v. J. Parker (ows 250); Simpson (rec. 30) v. Bearne (ows 140); Morgan (ows 90) v. A. Davis (scr); Jackson (ows 60) v. Searle (ows 20); Murphy (ows 20) v. B. Cawsey (ows 100); E. W. White (ows 30) v. W. Budge (ows 180); H. Harrop (ows 60); v. Smith (ows 60); Cullen (ows 80) v. Bullen (ows 20); Elson (ows 80) v. Yelland (ows 60); Mallett (ows 50); v. W. M. Johnston (ows 130); Coleman (ows 50), v. S. Gray (ows 250); Saiter (rec. 20) v. Oxberry (ows 50), Steele (ows 20) v. Graham (ows 60).

"OUR LITTLE BIT SOCIETY."

Another Parcel of Comforts.

"Our Little Bit Society" has forwarded the usual fortnightly parcels of comforts for our troops to Mrs. Philip de Fonblanque, No. 2 General Hospital, Chelsea, England, through the kindness of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., containing the following:—3,163 rolled bandages. 800 Swabs. 142 Flannel many tailed bandages. 14 Eye bandages. 28 Floor mops. 27 pairs Surgical Stockings. 51 milk covers. 3 Mufflers. 2 pairs Mittens. 23 Woollen caps. 38 Bed jackets. 65 suits Pyjamas.

JAPANESE PAINTINGS.

Forthcoming Exhibition at Messrs Komor's.

Mr. Kinsen, the well-known Japanese landscape painter, who is on a tour round the world, has arranged an exhibition of his work to be held at Messrs. Komor and Komor's, Alexandra Buildings on Monday the 18th December. The Exhibition will consist of some 120 specimens of the famous artist's work, and these will be sold at catalogue prices, ranging from \$5. to \$150. each. Mr. Kinsen's style is said to be very soft and charming and, as the exhibition will be open for five days only, the public should not miss the chance of seeing it.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 16th at noon—No returns from Japanese stations.

Pressure has decreased slightly at all stations reporting; it remains highest over North China and is relatively low over the south part of the China Sea.

Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1916, 19.81 inches, against an average of 82.60 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District	Forecast
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamoo	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 16, 1916.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.14	30.18	30.09	
Temperature	65	55	65	
Humidity	44	53	43	
Wind Direction	N	N	W	
Force	1	3	1	
Weather	b	b	b	
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Highest open air temperature on the 15th			74	
Lowest			54	

H.K. Observatory, December 16, 1916.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

ARRESTS BY A SULTAN.

King's Thanks to the Ruler of Johore.

London, Nov. 4.—How the Sultan of Johore himself took part, both on Singapore Island and in Johore itself, in rounding up mutineers last year is told in the report of the British adviser to His Highness issued to-day. The work continued for two months and the total number of arrests and surrenders was 187, which included four men whose arrest the Sultan personally effected on the Kulai road.

These men were duly returned to Singapore, together with 83 rifles, 77 bayonets, and 3,885 rounds of ammunition found in their possession. One hundred men of the Johore forces attended a parade on the Esplanade, Singapore, and were reviewed by the Governor.

"In the rounding up of the mutineers we have had most valuable help from His Highness the Sultan of Johore. Some 180 men of the 5th Light Infantry have been captured through him and his forces and have been brought to Singapore. Your Highness as representative of His Majesty the King, I wish to express to you my warmest thanks for the manner—the practical manner—in which you have shown your firm loyalty, and I thank you on behalf of the Colony for the good work you have done for the Colony."

Subsequently the King-Emperor conferred on the Sultan the Hon. Membership of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

BRITISH OWNERS OF SANATOGEN.

Lord Rhondda Chairman of New Company.

Lord Rhondda is to be the chairman of the company now being evolved from the syndicate which has purchased the business of Messrs. A. Wulff and Co., of Sanatogen fame; and the directors will be his daughter, Lady Mackworth (who already is on a company directorate), Mr. Gomer Berry, Mr. A. Michelson, Mr. S. Holmes, Mr. W. Boach, and Mr. W. G. Asquith (general manager). There will be no public issue of shares.

"We bought by sealed tender, and we think we gave more than was necessary," said Lord Rhondda to a *Daily Chronicle* representative. The purchase was made through the controller acting under the Board of Trade.

"We have taken over the business as a going concern—all the assets, the special machinery, works, offices, and we are retaining the British staff. All German influence will be entirely eliminated. There are about 200 employees in London and Penzance (where the factory is situated)."

"The whole of the raw material has been for some time produced in this country, and we are independent of Germany in every way. We are out to see whether we cannot make a bigger success than the Germans."

Lord Rhondda was not prepared to name the purchase price, nor to confirm or contradict any figures which have been published. [One account said £380,000.]

A point of interest is the comment that has been advanced in some quarters regarding the Board of Trade. Upon this Lord Rhondda said:—

"In every case where we have had to deal with a controller he has done everything he could to facilitate the sale of the German properties he controls. The Board of Trade have been rather vacillating over the Sanatogen business; they have once or twice changed their minds as to how the thing was to be sold. I think they are slow, but you have to bear in mind that every Government Department is working under high pressure, and it is not fair to complain without bearing that in mind."

The new British house will push the business throughout the world, and the company intends to offer ample funds and facilities for experimental research work in synthetic chemistry in the hope that English investigators may devise new products.

CLOSING OF ENEMY BANKS.

Transactions Involving Over £30,000,000.

At the outbreak of the war, pending the consideration of what should be done with the German-Austrian banks in London, the police were put in possession of their premises, and the Treasury no doubt took the best opinion in the City as to the policy to be pursued with regard to them in the interests of the Allies.

They decided to issue licenses to the banks to enable them to realise their assets in all parts of the world with a view to meeting their liabilities to British, Allied and neutral creditors, which liabilities in the ordinary way would have been paid in London. At the same time the banks were prohibited from undertaking any new business in this country.

The Treasury appointed Sir William Plender as controller to see that the terms of the licenses were adhered to. It is obvious that the realisation of the assets and the closing of the transactions of the banks must have been a task of great magnitude, involving, as it has done, a sum of little less than £30,000,000 sterling, and the payment in full by the three German banks of British, Allied and neutral creditors, whose claims would in the ordinary course have been met by the London agencies of these banks.

In the case of the Deutsche Bank the advance account of the Bank of England has been entirely paid off, and in the case of the Dresdner Bank and the Disconto Gesellschaft Bank it has been very materially reduced.

Complaints have been made in certain quarters as to the time occupied in achieving these results, but professional and financial people who are familiar with the difficulties and the time that must be taken over such matters are astonished at its brevity. There has been no large liquidation of any bank or financial institution whose assets approach anything like the figures of these banks which has been practically completed in so short a time. On the contrary, many well-known cases can be cited in which banks not of this magnitude have taken very many years to wind up.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a detailed statement in the House of Commons, has spoken of the work still to be done, but this work has nothing to do with maintenance of the banks as banks. It merely relates to the handing over of secured British, Allied, and neutral creditors' deposits for safe custody, the realisation of assets concerning which difficulties have not yet been overcome, and the scheduling of a vast amount of investments whose value cannot be less than 20 millions sterling, in a form prescribed by the Public Trustee for his convenience. This involves not only a detailed description of every single share and bond deposited with the banks, but also a valuation of every security.

The destruction of the goodwill has already taken place by the cessation of all new business and by the severing of any links between the banks and the customers.

Had another method of winding up these banks been adopted by the Government, namely, liquidation, it could not have been so successful, as many neutrals would have refused to discharge their indebtedness to the liquidator, and would have remitted sums owing by them to the head offices of the banks in the enemy country.

Out of between 300 and 400 enemy aliens who were in the employ of the three German banks at the beginning of the war only some eight are now retained to give information and help to the Controller.

In the words of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "The task has been a very heavy one, and anyone acquainted with its details would realise how much the country owes to Sir William Plender for his work."—*Daily Chronicle*.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—3rd Sunday in Advent, 17th December, 1916. Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial. Venite: Crotch. Psalm: 88 (Rimbault). Te Deum: Russell. Jones and Pye. Jubilate: Crotch (3rd evening). Anthem: "O that thou hadst hearkened" Sullivan. Hymn: 51. God Save the King. N.B.—Psalm 88, verses 1, 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18 in unison. Hymn: 51, verses 1, 4 in unison. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalm: Hayes. Woodward. Monk. Magnificat: Fitzherbert (24th evening). Nunc Dimittis: Rimbault (24th evening). Hymns: 46, 50, 54 (T 4).

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Service, December 17, Morning 11, Hymns: 368, 532, 369, 625. Subject: The Sunday Question. Evening 6, Hymns: 599, 270, 328, 223. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.20 a.m. Sunday School. 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon: Preacher: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

Peak Church.—Evening service at 6.30 conducted by Rev. T. H. Caren.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedders Street). Weekly Services:—Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Arsenal Street.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glencahy.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ Scientist.—MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1916.

SELLING.

1/1	2/4 5/8
Demand	2/4 11/16
30 d/s.	2/4 3/4
60 d/s.	2/4 3/4
4 m/s.	2/4 15/16
1/1 Shanghai	Nom.
1/1 Singapore	101 3/4
1/1 Japan	111 1/2
1/1 India	177 1/4
Demand, India	177 1/4
1/1 San Francisco & New York	56 3/4
1/1 Java	137
1/1 Marks	Nom.
1/1 Francs	3.31 1/4
Demand, Paris	3.32

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/5 7/16
4 m/s. D/P	2/5 9/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/5 11/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 11/16
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	58
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	3.43 1/4
6 m/s. Francs	3.48 1/2
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	56 3/4
1/1 Bombay	—
Demand, Bombay	177 1/4
1/1 Calcutta	—
Demand, Calcutta	177 1/4
Demand, Manila	113 1/4
Demand, Singapore	101 3/4
On Haiphong	3 3/4 prem.
On Saigon	3 1/2 prem.
On Bangkok	64 1/2
Sovereign	8.30 Nom.
Gold Leaf, per oz.	51.40
Bar Silver, per oz.	—

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100:

Chinese	20 cts. pieces 5 1/2% dis.
Chinese	10 " 5 1/4% dis.
Hongkong	20 cts. pieces 1 1/2% prem.
Hongkong	10 " 1 1/2% prem.

The "Nikko Maru" Delayed. Owing to the coal miners' in Australia, the N.Y.K. steamer Nikko Maru has been detained in Sydney. She was to sail from that port on the 15th inst., via Brisbane direct for Kobe, not calling at Hongkong and is due at Kobe on the 2nd January.

There Are Other Good Cigarettes.

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That isn't strange in spite of "Specials'" huge popularity. A few men like a far stronger and heavier Cigarette than "Specials."

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Two Tests for any Cigarette.

The taste of the cigarette—according to a leading tobacco journal,—is up to the smoker. But there are other qualities you should look for in the cigarette you are going to stick to for your steady smoke. Here are a couple of tests that may help the average smoker to choose more wisely between different kinds of Cigarettes.

The first is for coolness, which means more comfort to the throat and tongue. Light any Cigarette. Draw in a "cloud" of smoke: a small, ordinary puff is not sufficient to make this test. Hold it in your mouth for a few seconds. Let it "float" around against your tongue and throat. Now blow out the smoke.

If the cigarette contains a high grade of mild tobacco leaves, combined in just the right proportion, it will always feel cool and smooth both to your throat and tongue.

On the other hand, if the proportions are not right and if the cigarette contains inferior grades of tobacco or hidden strands of rank leaf, you will feel a nipping sting at the tip of your tongue, or that "Sand-paper" tickle in your throat.

Test number two—How do you feel after smoking all day?

If the tobacco in the cigarette includes a correct proportion of mild grades—and if they have been so blended as to bring out the best qualities and neutralise any unpleasant qualities in each of the different types of tobaccos, you will be able to smoke practically whenever you feel like it through the day without feeling any effect from it.

But with another cigarette in which the blend is less skilful, even though the tobaccos are of the highest grade, you will find along towards the end of the day that you are likely to have that feeling of having "smoked too much."

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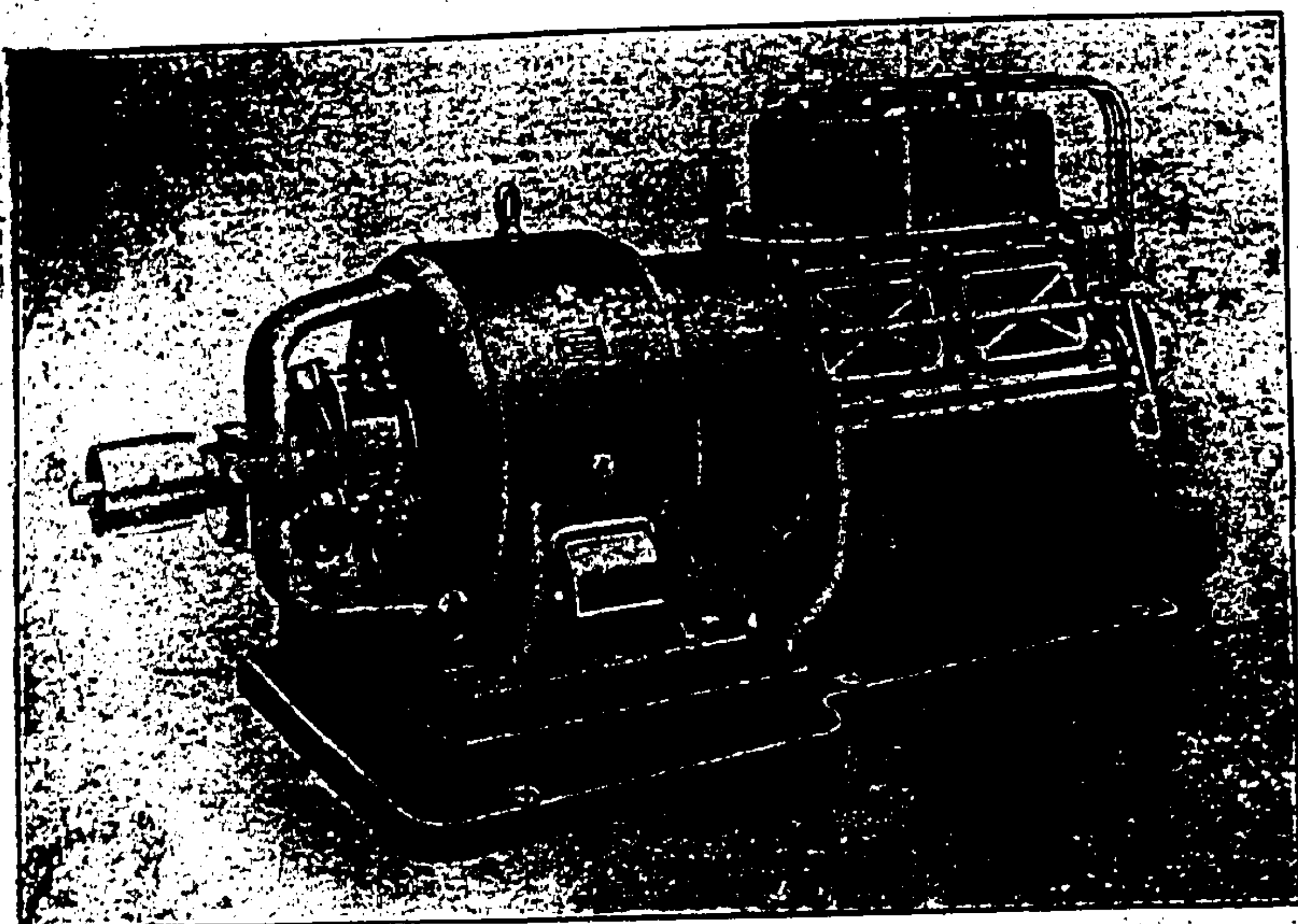
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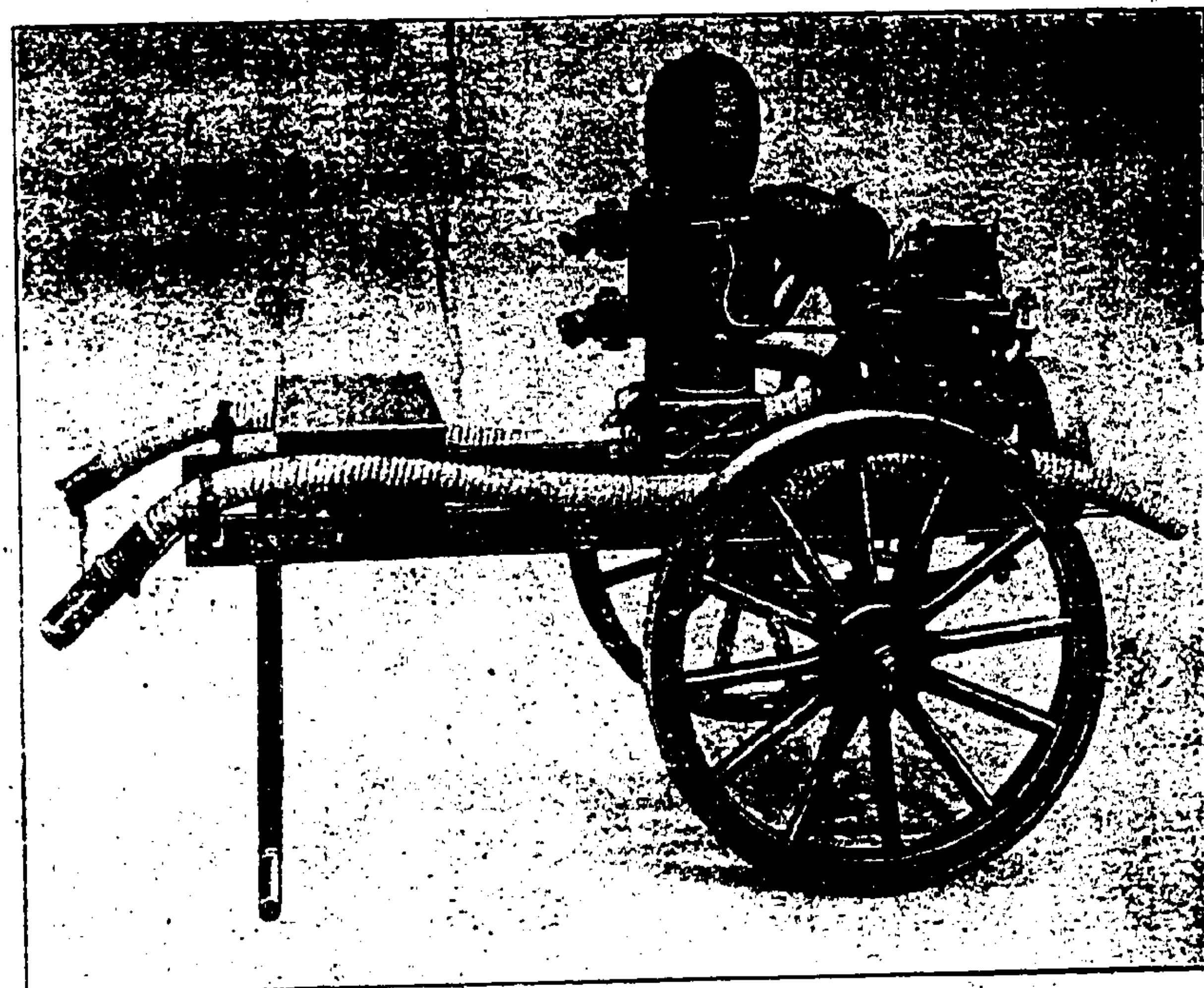
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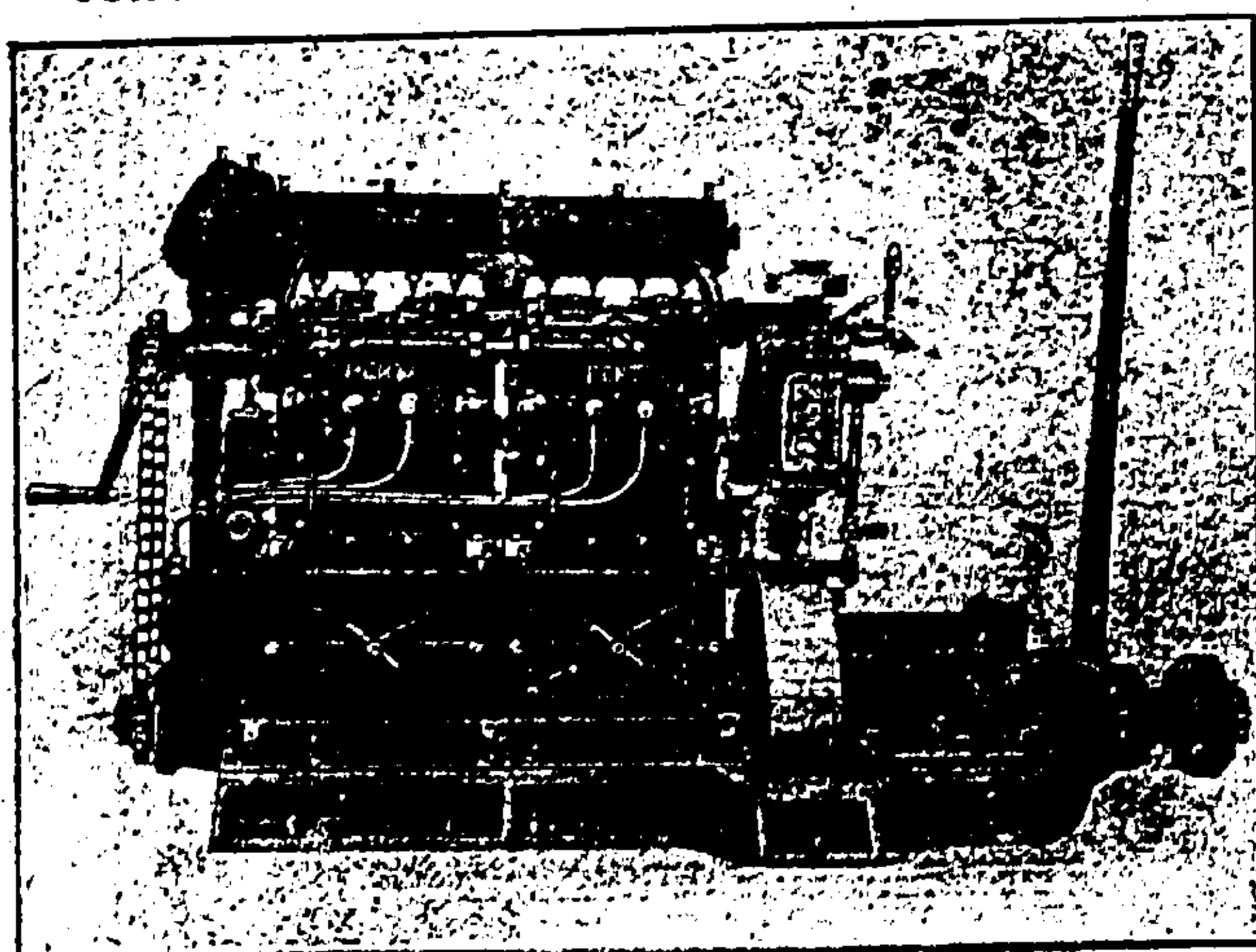
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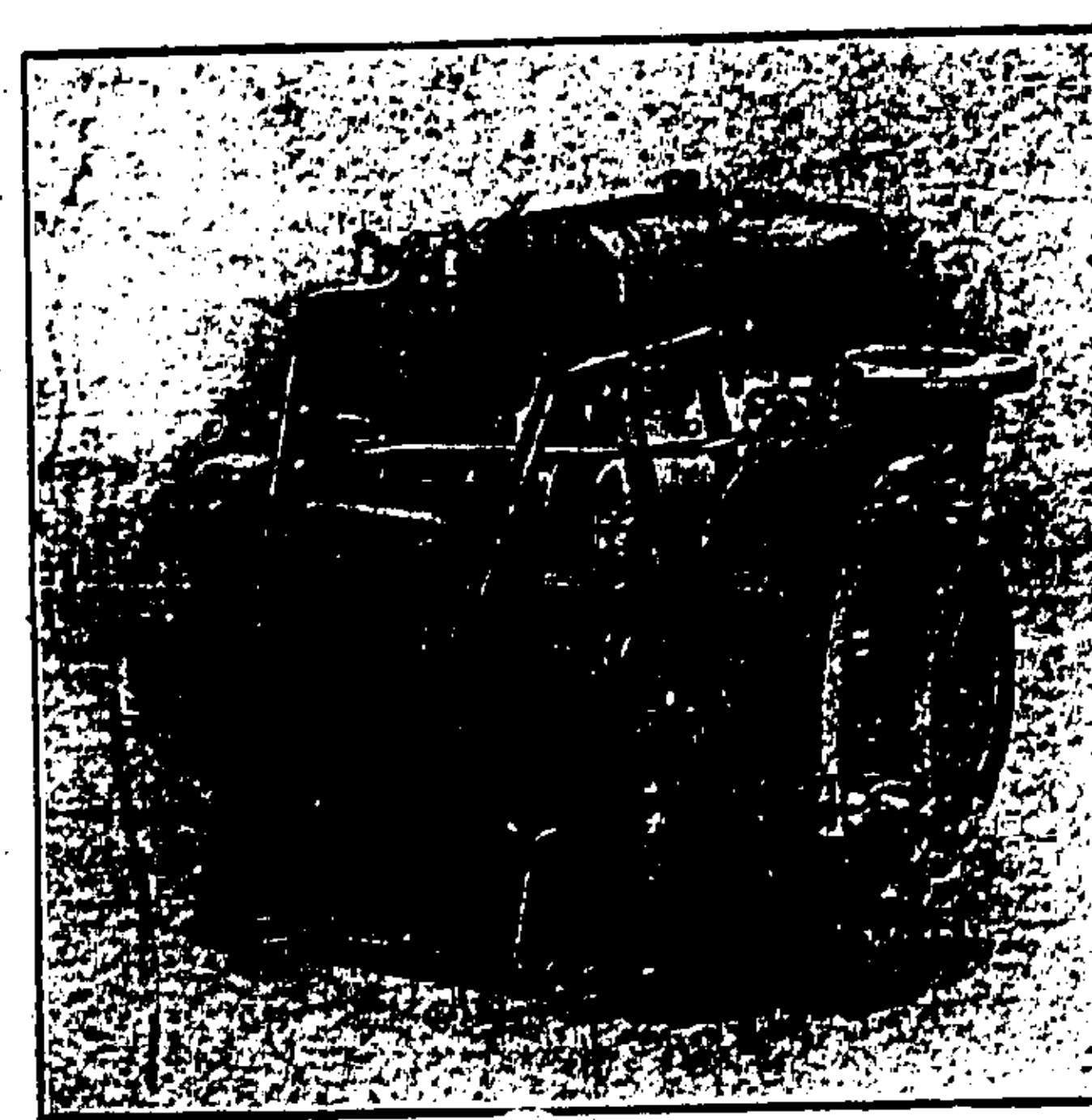
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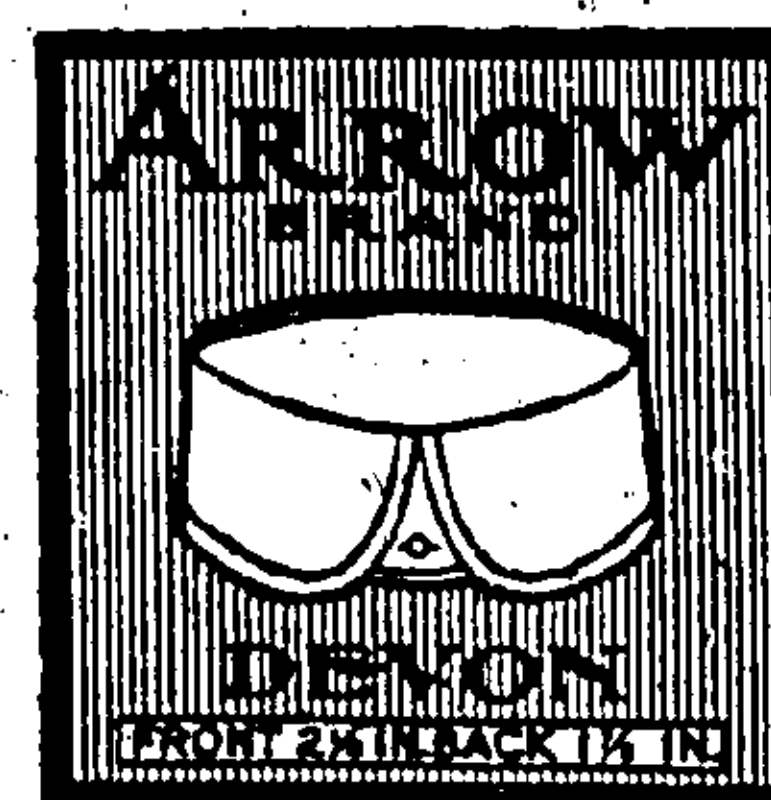
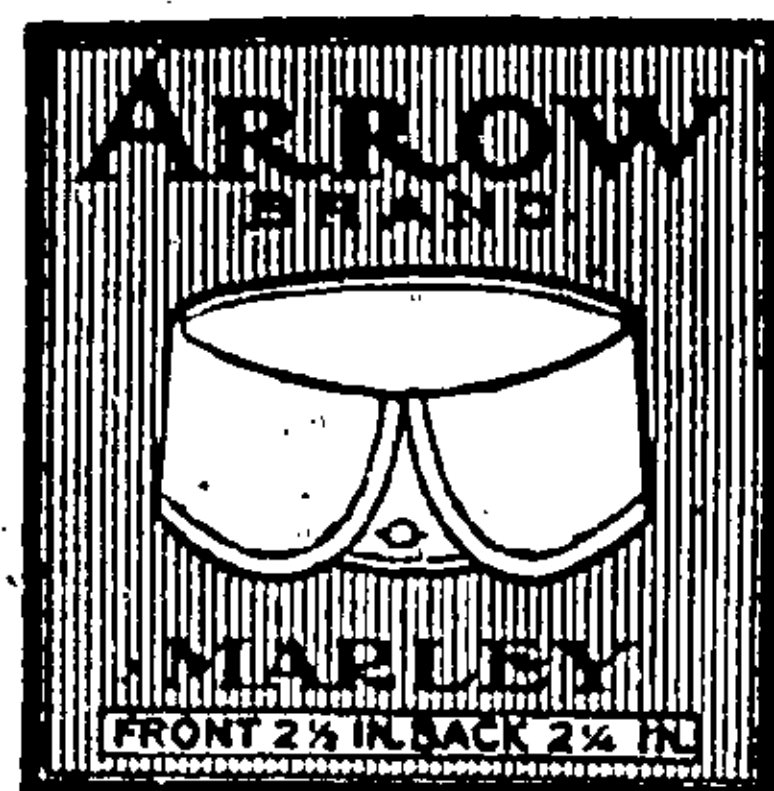
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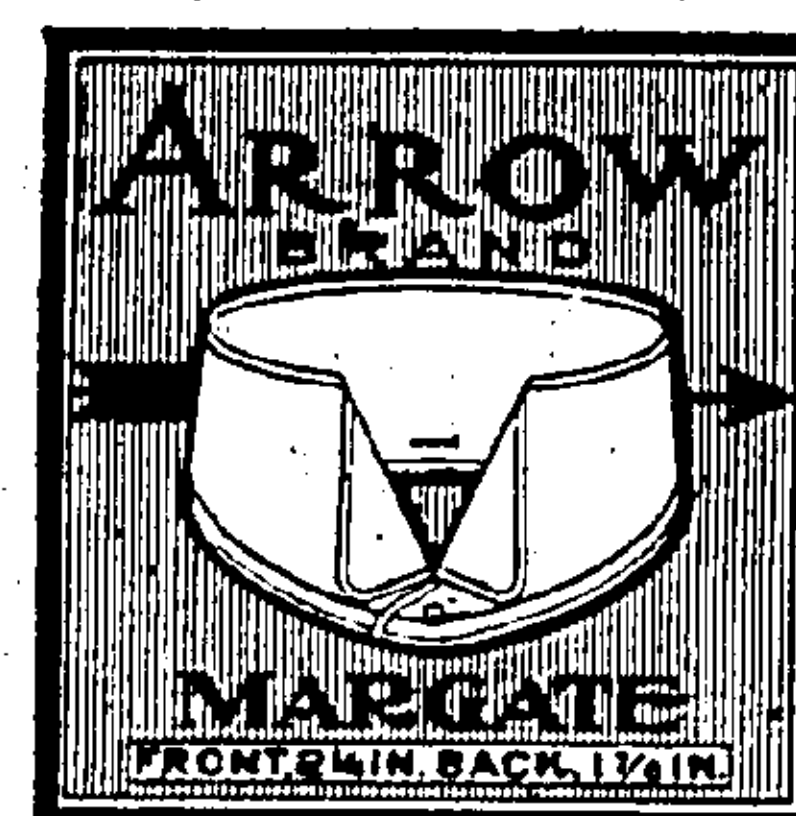
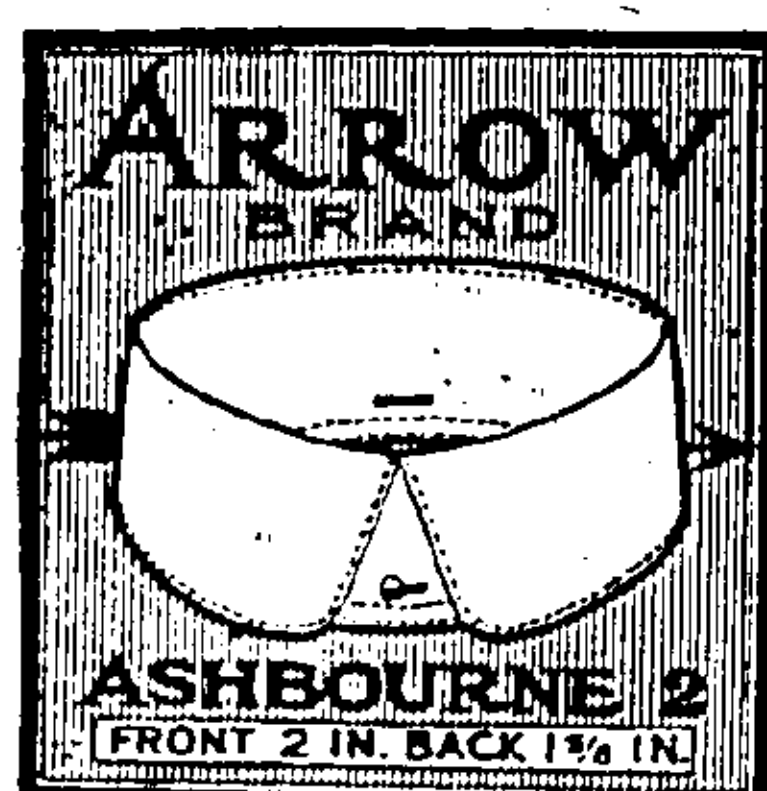
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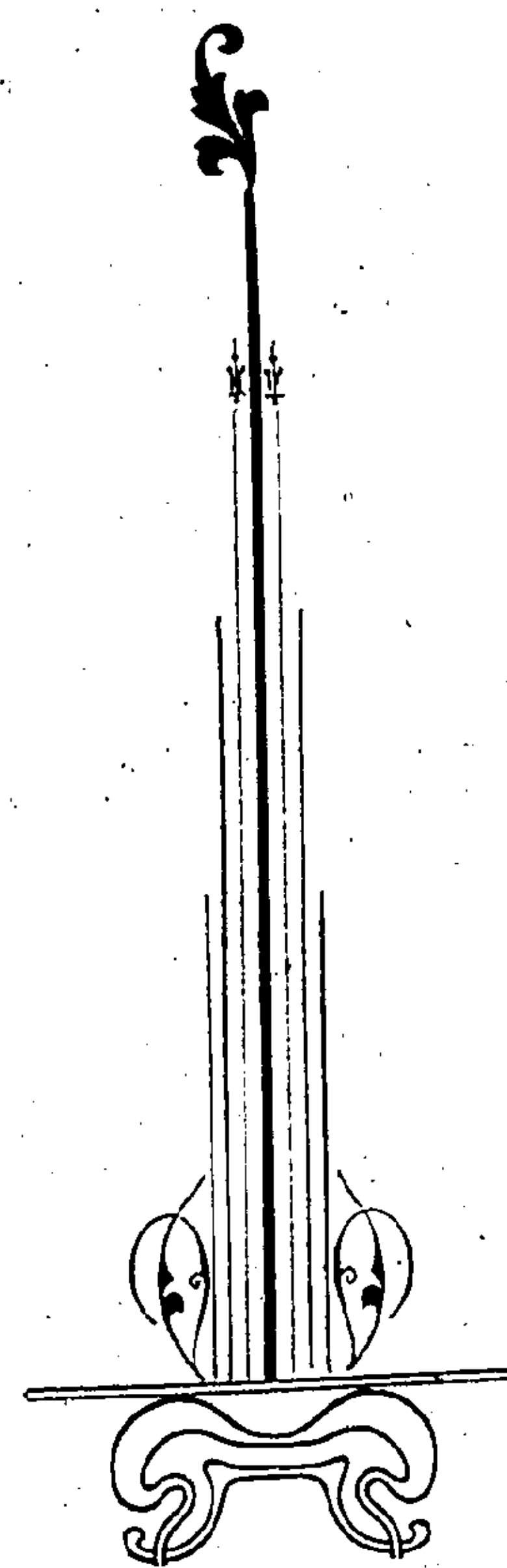
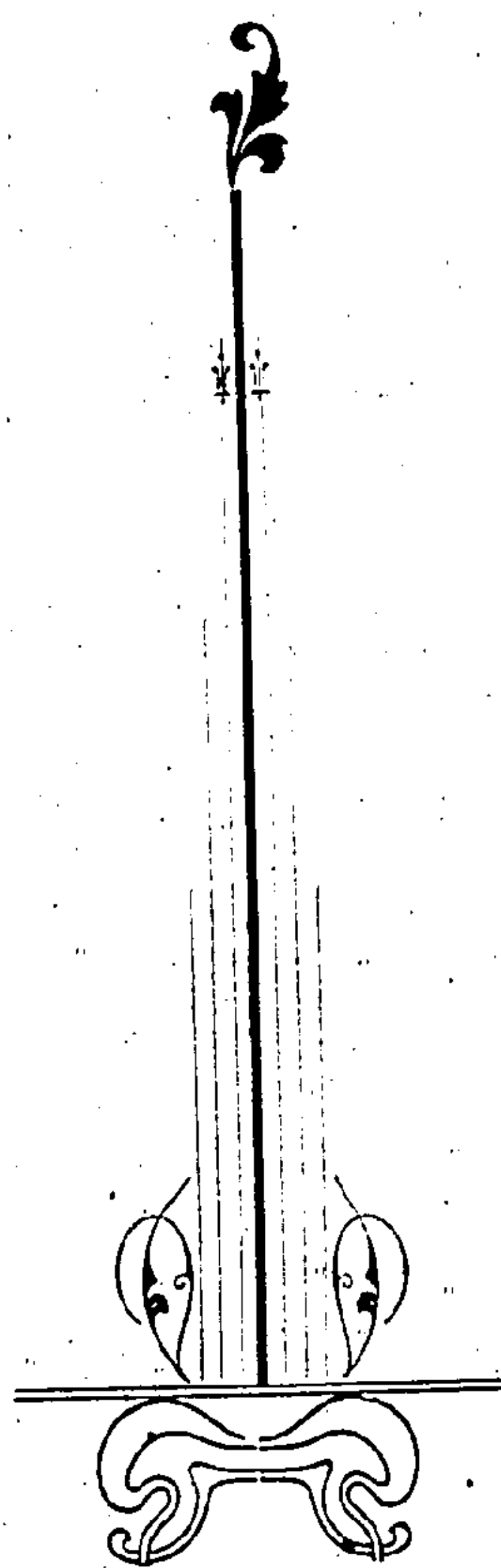
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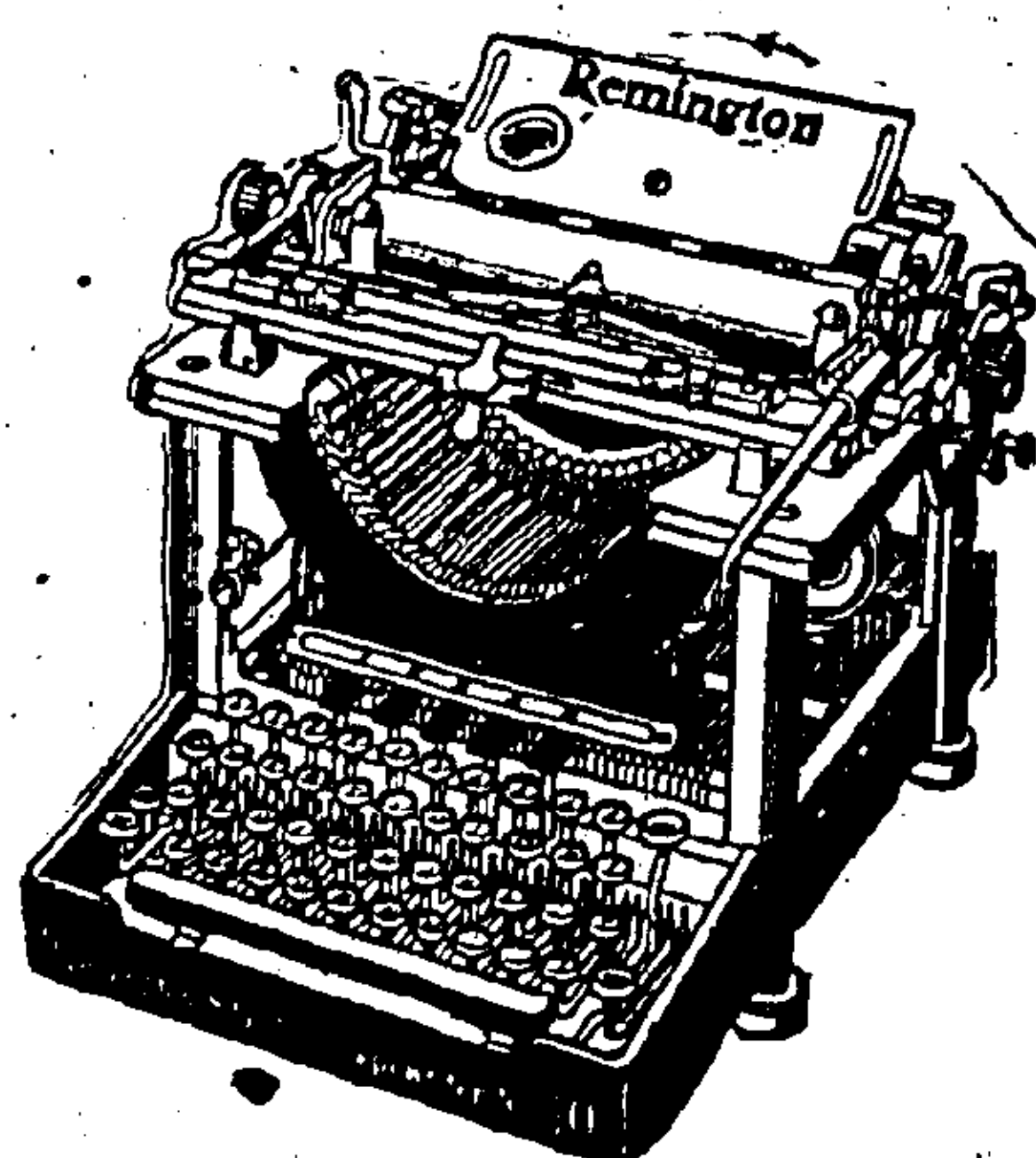
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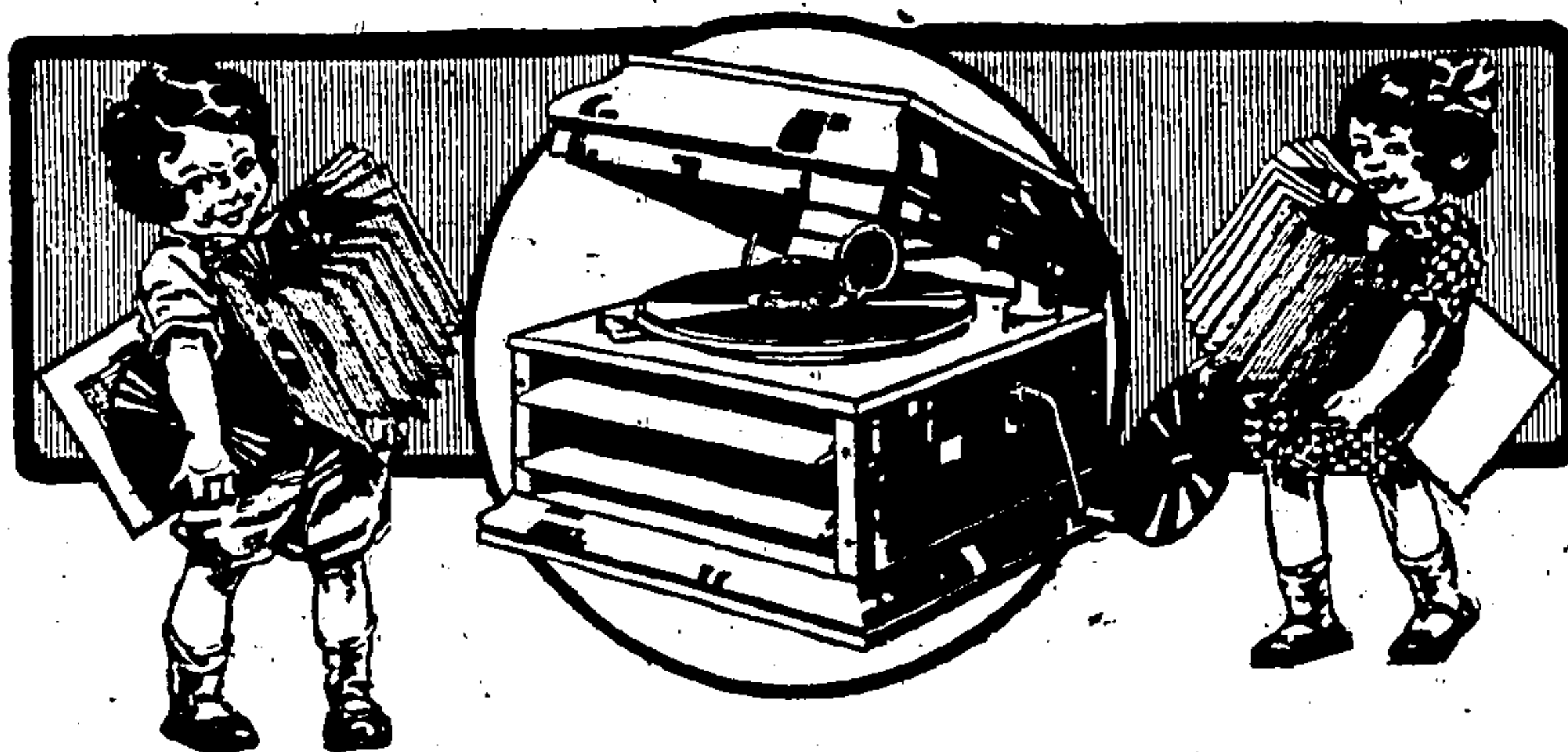
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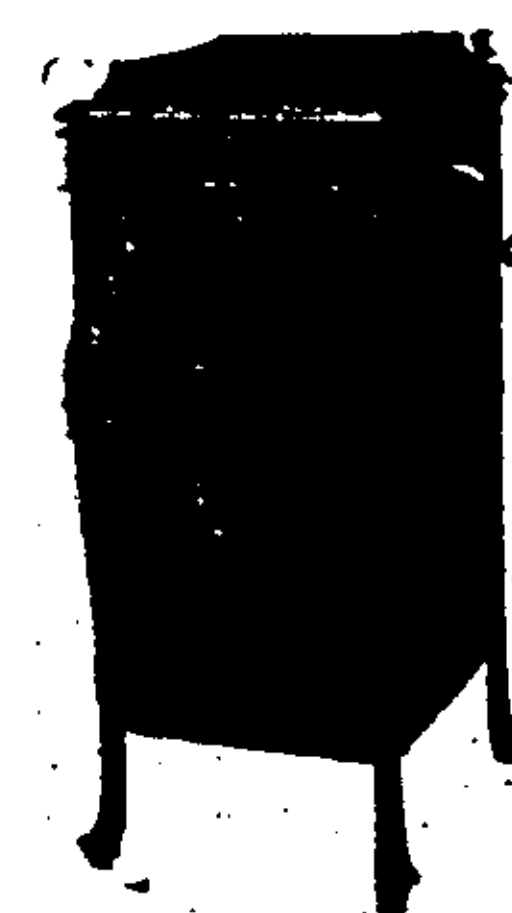
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This popular firm has for years past specialised in making the festive season one in which the public can obtain from its store an untold variety of articles suitable for presents or for personal use, and this year, when most firms are suffering from a handicap in the matter of getting goods out from Home, Messrs. Powell have been especially fortunate in securing a collection of seasonable gifts which should tempt the most reticent buyers. For goods of high quality, Messrs. Powell need no recommendation, for their reputation is quite a sufficient guarantee that what they vend is of the best, and at a price which quality can reasonably ask.

For the Youngsters.

To refer to their bewildering array of children's toys and playthings is to mention only a few of the many articles which will bring delight to all youngsters. The Christmas holiday is, to say the least, a joyful time for the children, and this firm, recognising that fact, caters for the little ones with a completeness excelled nowhere in the Colony. Typical for boys, is an army of lead soldiers in most gorgeous colours, providing plenty of material for the lads to make their own battle scenes—a task in which they will no doubt show partiality to the forces of the Empire. A much-prized toy by children now-a-days is something mechanical, and the work, fun and instruction a child can get out of Meccano by making his or her own toys is practically unlimited. For girls, there are dolls of all complexion, as well as baby prams, whilst ecotons and rocking horses, in the company of other equally attractive articles, will give plenty of scope for a varied choice.

For Ladies and Gentlemen.

For ladies gifts, Messrs. Powell have a reputation all their own, and this year some beautiful fur sets have been secured. Bioness of the newest styles, neckwear, enton-cas, and dainty wear of all descriptions are in stock. These only need inspection to arouse desires for possession. Gentlemen can shop here with perfect confidence at securing those things best suited to their tastes; and among the varying goods awaiting choice are to be found some smart and well-fitted suits and dressing cases. In neckwear, some smart colours and designs are being displayed, while fancy waistcoats, socks—both fancy and plain—and a good assortment of general wearing apparel is here at hand. Goods particularly pleasing to the masculine mind can be found for the purpose of present-making, and ladies desirous of making a gift this year should not overlook this store.

Other Features.

In other departments, one finds such a wide range of high class goods that it is difficult to specialise without overlooking some really appealing articles. In the matter of electro-plates, there are entree dishes, ink stands, cocktail shakers, ornament stands and numerous articles for table use and decorative purposes. French fire-proof china has come into popularity recently, and a good assortment in this line is in stock. The display of table and cut-glass wear, English china tea sets, and the collection of hardware utensils will be found to please all tastes and meet all pockets. The array of silk cushion covers, with cushions, table covers, pretty fire screens, pictures, and a whole host of household requisites should make the task of the present-seeker easy, and, seeing the difficulties of the time, Messrs. Powell must be considered extremely well-favoured to have been able to have secured what is undoubtedly an even better selection than has been seen at their establishment for many years.

THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE.

Though the Hongkong Cigar Store is more essentially a men's establishment, within the premises will be found innumerable useful and dainty articles especially suitable for gifts at this time of the year. This company, in fact, makes a speciality of the hundred and one little knick-knacks which go to make the home beautiful and attractive. Besides these, there is, of course, an endless collection of all the requisites that the smoker needs, and in whatever line the firm deals its goods have the hall-mark of excellence and high quality. Gifts for the children are also displayed here in wonderful profusion. In fact the Hongkong Cigar Store is a regular Christmas emporium.

Attractive Gifts.

One of the first things which strikes one on entering the premises is the very beautiful collection of cut glass and electro-plated and silver ware in very neat and pretty designs. Then there is a charming variety of marble clocks, statuary, pictures, gold and silver watches, and a bewildering variety of fancy articles. Owing to the war, it was not possible last year for the firm to obtain anything like a large stock of English toys, but it has been very fortunate this year in securing a large shipment of toys and Christmas crackers from England, as well as a limited supply of beautiful French dolls. A feature is also being made of strong helms and useful knives for Boy Scouts, at only one dollar each, as well as of dainty tea-sets and dolls' furniture which will be sure to delight the hearts of the girls. The prices here are so reasonable that the firm has already sold out more than half its stock in these lines.

All that Smokers Need.

Among the many tobaccoists in the Colony, the Hongkong Cigar Store has established for itself a reputation for the supply of all that is really best. Ladies who hesitate concerning what they shall buy for their husbands and their gentlemen friends should make a point of visiting this store, where they will find a very large assortment not only of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco of the best brands, but a big stock of pipes, cigar and cigarette holders, smokers' cabinets and all other requisites offered by firms in this line of business. One point which deserves special emphasis is that every cigar and cigarette which this firm sells is guaranteed to be fresh and in perfect condition—an assurance which few other firms give to their customers. It is because of its care in this respect that the Company has become increasingly popular among smokers, for to make a purchase here is to be assured of securing the best that money can buy.

Plenty of Variety.

The variety of stock carried is another point on which the Company justly prides itself—it can please the tastes of everybody. In the matter of prices, too, all classes are catered for. It is at Christmas that most men like a really good smoke, and before making purchases elsewhere, smokers will do well to inspect the many well-known varieties of Havana, Manila and Dutch cigars, as well as the large assortment of Egyptian, Turkish and Virginian cigarettes which this firm has to offer. The whole premises at the moment present quite a bright and cheery Christmas appearance. There is such an abounding variety in one line or the other that no-one need come away from the store with wants unsatisfied. And the firm's stock possesses the real stamp of good quality. The Hongkong Cigar Store should certainly be borne in mind by those who wish to secure something really worth the buying.

DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

In matters edible, Britishers are, as a rule, particular, and wherever they have settled the world over, they have generally seen to it that their wants in this direction have been supplied. But here in Hongkong it can safely be said that they are more fortunate than anywhere else outside their own native land, for the Dairy Farm looks after them as if they were in their own country-side. Hongkong residents escape the monotony of a limited selection of food so common in distant lands, and it is with thankfulness that they live in daily touch with such an enterprising firm. At the festive season, the Dairy Farm Company lays itself out to please all by the generous scale on which it caters to seasonable needs, and though our relatives at Home this year are living in contemplation of meatless days and food tickets, we have no such fears of a similar happening here, whilst the Dairy Farm looks after us.

Farther Extensions.

The growing nature of its business has made the firm seek an extension of its premises, and the spare piece of land adjoining the Ice House Street Offices is now being cleared, preparatory to another large building being erected. This will be in the nature of two godowns, and a large modern and entirely up-to-date dairy, where bottling and sterilising will be done. The butchery side of the business has grown to such an extent that it needs all the present room at the premises, and thus this step has been necessitated. Needless to say, an even better service will be assured than at present.

Home-like Food.

Seekers after Yuletide fare need miss none of the joys of Home, for turkeys, geese, chickens, capons and game of all sorts are being fattened for the season, in anticipation of a large demand. Hams of a choice brand, smoked tongue, corned tongue, corn meats of all descriptions, and practically every variety of food dealt in by such a firm at Home are to be had for the ordering. This year the quality of the goods to be offered is exceptionally good, and knowing, as all do that it is reared and fed on the most suitable lines, one is bound to feel most grateful for the opportunities this firm provides. As last year, a feature is being made of providing cooked foods. Such joints as beef, mutton, legs of pork, turkeys, geese, ducks, game and chicken can be supplied all ready for the table. To those who are in any doubt as to the reliability of their cook, or who find it none too convenient to have cooking done at this time, this will come, as it did last year, as a special boon. Delicacies, such as pork sausage, brawn and those other piquant dishes, have been prepared, and can be relied upon to be found most satisfactory.

Order Early.

The Company is desirous of reminding its many customers that they should order as early as possible, for the great demands to be made will make it extremely difficult to deliver other orders received at the last moment. Making provision for such a large community is no easy task, and the matter of estimating has to be taken in hand some days ahead; so that those who can do so should make their wants known in good time, to allow of all being supplied. If disappointment is the lot of any, the fault will certainly lie at their doors, and will not be due to lack of enterprise on the part of the Company.

A. S. WATSON AND CO., LTD.

In bringing to the public notice the vast variety of goods suitable for the Christmas season possessed by Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, one feels that it is like emphasising the obvious, for of all old-established firms in the Far East which have built up for themselves a high reputation and an ever-increasing amount of patronage, this firm is certainly in the first rank. Not only in Hongkong, but in other parts of the East, Watsons are known for the genuine quality of the goods they sell, and at this period of the year, when one is seeking to buy something either for themselves or for others, one of the safest places at which to make a purchase is at this firm's large store in Alexandra Buildings. Though, in common with all other businesses, a certain amount of difficulty has been experienced in getting out from Home some of the special goods ordered, the selection now being displayed lacks nothing in the way of variety and charm, and the difficulty will rather be in knowing what best to choose out of that displayed.

Some Special Lines.

In the matter of toilet requisites, utility and good taste have been studied with effect, very attractive manicure sets, hair brushes in leather cases, razors—both long and safety—, strops, and mirrors, abounding. All these little articles which make a well-appointed dressing table are here to be found, and at prices that are reasonable in proportion to the value given. Perfumery has been a special line of Watson's for years, and this year a special assortment has been made that is calculated to please the most particular tastes. Every well-known make of perfume can be obtained. Soaps, toilet and hygienic, cosmetics—so essential in such a changing climate—toilet waters, eye-washes, and every conceivable requisite in this connection will be found to meet all preferences. Watson's 1917 calendar, "Ancient Chinese Greetings," can be better admired than described and a more acceptable gift or souvenir could scarcely be imagined. It only costs \$2.50 too. The series of view albums known as "China by Land and Water" is especially interesting, and for old China hands who are now with the Army at the front, or who have left China, one of these volumes would be a welcome gift.

For Mere Men.

For the smoker, Messrs. Watsons cater with a carelessness that ensures satisfaction, and it should be noted that all the well-known factories whose brands figure in their latest cigar list are entirely British-owned and controlled. The proper storing and conditioning of cigars has for years been the special care of this firm, which has recently constructed a new, large and improved conditioning and store-room, enabling them to preserve their cigars in mature condition. In the matter of pipes there is a large selection of meerschaum, calabash and briar makes, and cigar and cigarette holders are stocked in profusion.

Wines and Spirits.

One cannot think of Watson's without at the same time bearing in mind their high reputation as wine and spirit merchants, and a walk round their extensive cellar, at once convinces one of the firm's ability to execute almost any order. The stock just now is large and of a high quality. This year, as last, a feature is being made of Christmas cases, composed of a good selection of wines, spirits and ales. Watson's commands some of the very best liquor coming into the Colony, while their own well-known "E" brand of brandy and whisky are an advertisement in themselves.

LANE, CRAWFORD AND CO.

For very many years now, the Hongkong public has known Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co. as a business establishment which takes a lot of beating for enterprise and consideration of local needs. Especially is the firm known at Christmas for its consultation of seasonable tastes. Of course, during this time of stress, it will be understood that goods from Home are very difficult to secure, but, by dint of strenuous endeavours and wise foresight, Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have succeeded in obtaining consignments for the coming season which very nearly compare with those stocked in normal times. The store to-day bears an air of Christmas, and is crammed from top to bottom with really good things. Every department is teeming with a fine selection of articles, with which is coupled what perhaps most commends itself to the buyer—variety. Already a very big trade is being done, but the supply equals the demand in all respects in every department.

For the Children.

This old-established firm has had the reputation for years on end of being among the biggest sports goods and toy providers in the Colony, and this year they have not fallen short, in spite of the tremendous difficulties which beset traders in the East in this time of war. In the toy department will be found a wonderful selection of things to gladden the hearts of the little ones. There is everything conceivable, from Teddy Bears and "I say" elephants to the well-known Meccano toys (so much favoured by boys mechanically inclined) and tools of all trades. The girls are well catered for in the way of dolls. Though the consignment is not so large as in previous years, it is not lacking in variety, and there are some really exceptional bargains doing in this line.

Presents for All.

As Christmas is the time of presents, the firm has laid in stock a really beautiful lot of electro-plate and silver ware which cannot fail to please, whilst in the sports department will be found a magnificent selection of golf sets, tennis rackets, caddy bags, and a host of other requisites. Then there are the roulette, golf, and race table games, not for children, as may be imagined, but games of skill for adults who delight in a mild gamble during the winter evenings. In men's wear, the new consignment of khaki vests, ties, and puttees which have arrived should appeal to Volunteers, and in this department also anything from a 75-cent walking cane to a \$200 travelling case, with a bewildering array of necessary articles for the toilet, can be supplied. The goods in the ladies' department are so numerous and of such fine quality that one can spend hours here in viewing them, and if gentlemen are in doubt as to what to give their lady friends this season, they should take a stroll round here and all hesitancy will be removed.

For the Table.

Tom Smith's crackers are again to the fore in the grocery department, and here also are the very best seasonable delicacies. There are the good old plum puddings, Christmas cakes, mince meat and many other toothsome dainties without which Christmas would indeed be a dull time. Of the wines and spirit department, much could be said. Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company have always specialised in this line, and it is sufficient to say that the best brands are to be had here at astonishingly low figures. The whole Christmas display is a credit to the firm, which is undoubtedly determined to maintain its position as the leading establishment in the Colony.

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THE HOUSE FOR QUALITY.

XMAS PRESENTS

PURCHASED FROM THIS OLD ESTABLISHED

ALL BRITISH FIRM

ARE SURE TO BE APPRECIATED.

LARGE SELECTIONS IN ALL DEPTS.

WE DELIVER YOUR PRESENTS FOR YOU ON XMAS EVE OR XMAS DAY.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS EARLY.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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THE DAIRY FARM.

ASSORTED CASES FOR XMAS.

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- 2 Bots. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 2 Bots. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.

Case No. 2—\$28.

- 1 Bot. St. Marcoux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Burgundy "Beauv."
- 3 Bots. Claret, St. Etienne.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky.
- 1 Bot. Gin.
- 1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

Case No. 3—\$32.

- 2 Bots. St. Marcoux Champagne.
- 1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "E" Quality.
- 2 Bots. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
- 1 Bot. Very Fine Old BROWN Brand "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
- 1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
- 3 Bots. Claret, St. Etienne.
- 1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

THE WING ON Co.

The Wing On Company ranks among the foremost firms of universal providers in the Colony, and, like other stores which have made special provision for Christmas, it has a splendid stock of choice goods. This Company is about to extend its premises, taking in the old building formerly occupied by the Sincere Company. These premises, in addition to the ones already occupied by the Wing On Company, will afford much additional accommodation and will give greater facilities for the carrying out of their fast growing business. The newly-acquired buildings and the existing premises will be fitted up in the most modern style, and the increase in staff which will be made will assure customers of efficient and obliging service. These big department stores are becoming quite a feature of Hongkong business life, and it is a tribute to the organising ability of the Chinese, and to their readiness to move with the times, that such stores are run on thoroughly modern and up-to-date lines. A good knowledge of local wants, plus quick service and a care to see that the smallest need is met, have contributed very materially to the popularity of these emporiums. Then there is the question of buying. Companies such as Wing On make their purchases in extremely large quantities, and the result is that prices are kept as low as they possibly can be, consistent with good quality.

Christmas Stock.

The Company has made special efforts this Christmas to provide their patrons with what they need at the least trouble and expense, and a recent visit paid to the store showed that no pains had been spared to make it a place where

all that is needed can be bought at an exceedingly low figure. The Wing On Company has not been behind other emporiums in securing a large stock of toys, and it has probably one of the finest selections in the Colony of British and American playthings for the youngsters, to say nothing of Japanese articles. Novelty is the foreword, and this, coupled with exceptionally low prices, will mean that all wants can be satisfied. In candies, there is a large stock of every conceivable kind, and of the delectable sorts, while in the grocery department a large most delectable eatables one would wish to find. There are puddings, Christmas cakes and a host of other delicacies which all go to make the festive season a time of pleasure and contentment. With this department should also be mentioned the wine and spirit department, where brands of the finest quality can be secured and ones made up at a very reasonable figure. Here, in fact, are to be found some of the very best vintages for the Wing On Company specialists in this particular line. No matter what kind of beverage is required, the Company can supply it, and an inspection of its wide range of brands will make that point very clear. Indeed, everything that is needed to give the Christmas table a thoroughly seasonable appearance is to be found at this store, from the most expensive wines to the many little delicacies which should always be found on the well-arranged festive board.

Something for Everybody.

Christmas being a time for the giving and receiving of presents, the Wing On Company has determined that its patrons shall be beset with no difficulties in the choice of articles, and its stock of electro plate, precious stones, perfumes etc., etc., will hold its own anywhere. The large

array of silks etc., comprises a very wide variety, and goods can be had in any quality. For those who have already secured their Christmas presents, there will be found at this store new lines and extensive stocks of every day articles. There are fur for the ladies which will make very nice presents, and in the woollen and hosiery department there is a bewildering choice. On the top floor, a new consignment of blackwood furniture, all in European style, has arrived, and there should be many purchases in this line. The latest and most fashionable footwear is also to be had at a figure which is really astounding. In short, the Wing On Company has set itself out to cater for all tastes. Anything that is required, from the smallest household necessity to the most elaborate presents, can be obtained at absolutely rock-bottom prices.

THE SINCERE COMPANY.

One of the first places which one thinks of in considering the pleasures of Christmas shopping is the very fine establishment controlled by the Sincere Company. This splendidly-organised concern is, as is well known, the pioneer in Hongkong of the fixed price cash-business store, and, by reason of its extensive ramifications and its modern management, it is able to cater to public requirements on the cheapest possible basis consistent with the supply of approved and reliable goods. Everybody knows the magnificent block of buildings which Sincere's occupy, and all are acquainted with the astounding variety of articles stocked in this great emporium. Shopping at this justly-popular house is a real pleasure, and there is scarcely a want that cannot be met here.

Some Advantages.

The fact that the Company has been so long in existence inevitably means that it has a full conception of public needs. One big advantage which Sincere's possess is the up-to-date character of the premises occupied. The business had been growing to such an extent in recent years that it was found absolutely impossible to rub along in the old building in which it was formerly established, and, by securing the present block, the Company has been able to hold bigger stocks and to display its goods much more effectively than was formerly the case. With Sincere's it is no question of adapting to current requirements old premises which lack modern conveniences—the existing building has been designed with the one idea of making the shopper's task an easy one. With its numerous departments, its electric lifts from floor to floor, and its pretty roof garden, one might almost imagine one's self in a miniature Selfridge's. And over and beyond all this is the fact that there is no waste of time when one goes shopping here. Advice is freely given to customers, and one can always count on quick and courteous attention at all times.

A Wide Choice.

Since last Christmas, Sincere's have thoroughly settled down into their new premises, and this year they are making special efforts to aid the public in the task of purchasing reasonable gifts. The store is crammed from top to bottom with every conceivable article. The business is so well organised, too, under the department system, that one's requirements are quickly seen to. Quite a feature is being made in the jewellery section. In diamonds, pearls and jade-stones, there are some extremely

dainty and attractive designs which will make a strong appeal to the ladies, while among the more necessary everyday requirements a most varied assortment of electro-plate articles, watches, clocks, etc., will be found. For gentlemen, there is a very wide choice of articles suitable for presents, while special attention is directed to the very fine display which the firm is showing of socks, fancy shirts, underwear, hats, ties etc., all of the latest designs and styles. Christmas is a time for happiness and merriment—a season for the enjoyment of music. And here the Sincere Company has something to offer for in its musical department it is showing all kinds of instruments, from pianos to gramophones. Its stock of gramophone records covers such a wide range that people of all tastes can find something to suit their predilections.

Other Lines.

It is not possible to enumerate in full the many other lines in which this firm specialises, but a word must be said of the huge grocery, wines and spirits department which it controls. Here all that is best in the way of Christmas fare can be had, at prices which compare most favourably with the figures quoted in many other establishments. The company has also a very fine assortment of the best makes of perfumes and toilet requisites. In the way of furniture, Sincere's have probably one of the finest stocks to be found in the Colony. Everything needed to make the home attractive can be found in this particular department, while in cutlery and ironmongery it would be hard to find a store which has a larger variety of everyday requirements in this line. Whatever other establishment is overlooked, Sincere's should not be given the "go-by" during the Christmas season.

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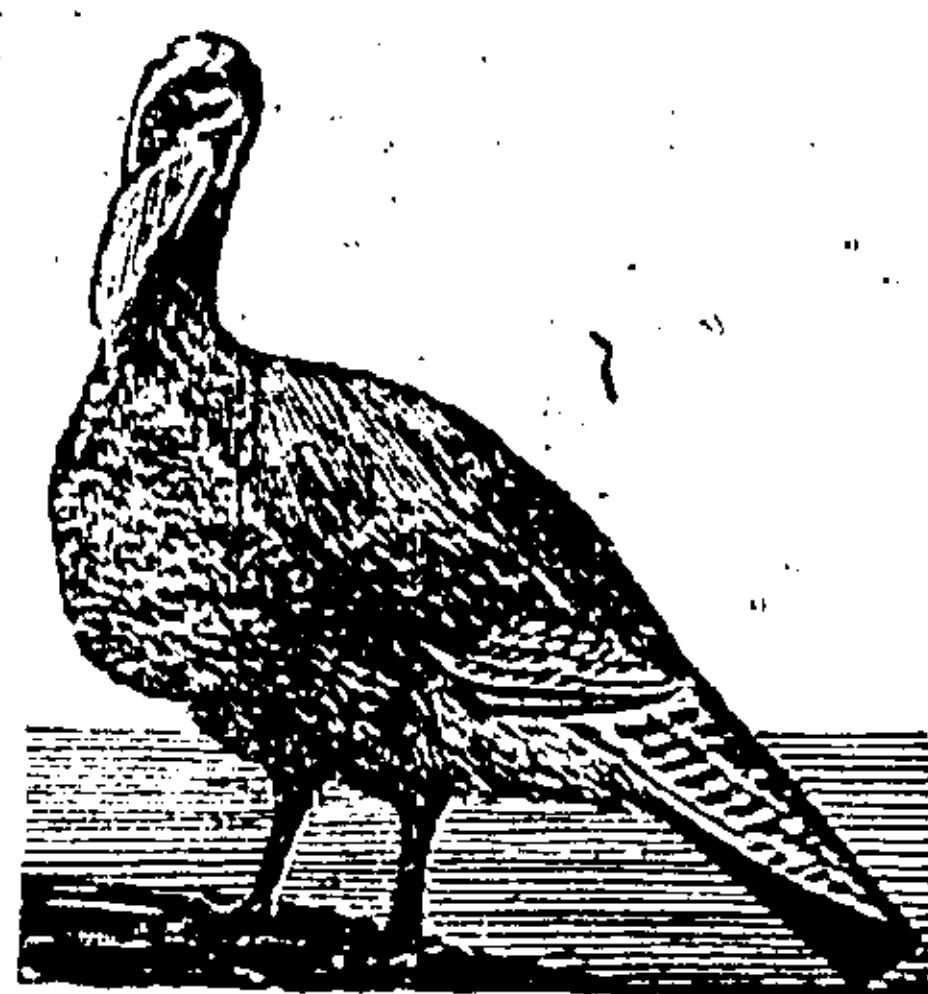
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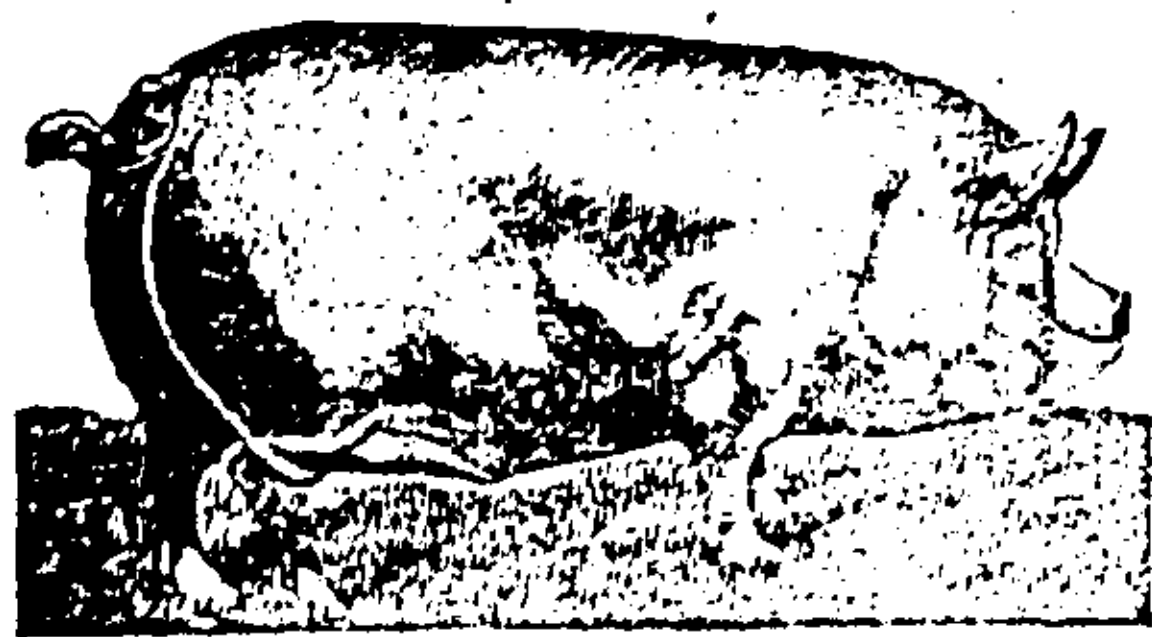
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34 by 4½-inch tyres, non-skid rear. Demountable rims (one extra rim).

Spring-cushion upholstery. Cantilever rear springs.

The fenders are long and sweeping (in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces, and the running boards are clean and free from obstructions. The sloping wind-shield is built in, and conforms to the curve of the cowl, making it a part of the car itself rather than a mere attachment. * * * * * It is a beautiful car.

WILLEYS-KNIGHT MODEL 88-FOUR SEVEN PASSENGER TOURING CAR.

Long-stroke en bloc engine. High-tension magnet ignition. Electric starting and lighting. Right or left drive, centre control. 31 by 4-inch or 765 x 105 mm. tyres, non-skid in rear.

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In appearance, as in all other respects, the Model 75B Touring Car is all that you would demand, or expect, in a much higher—



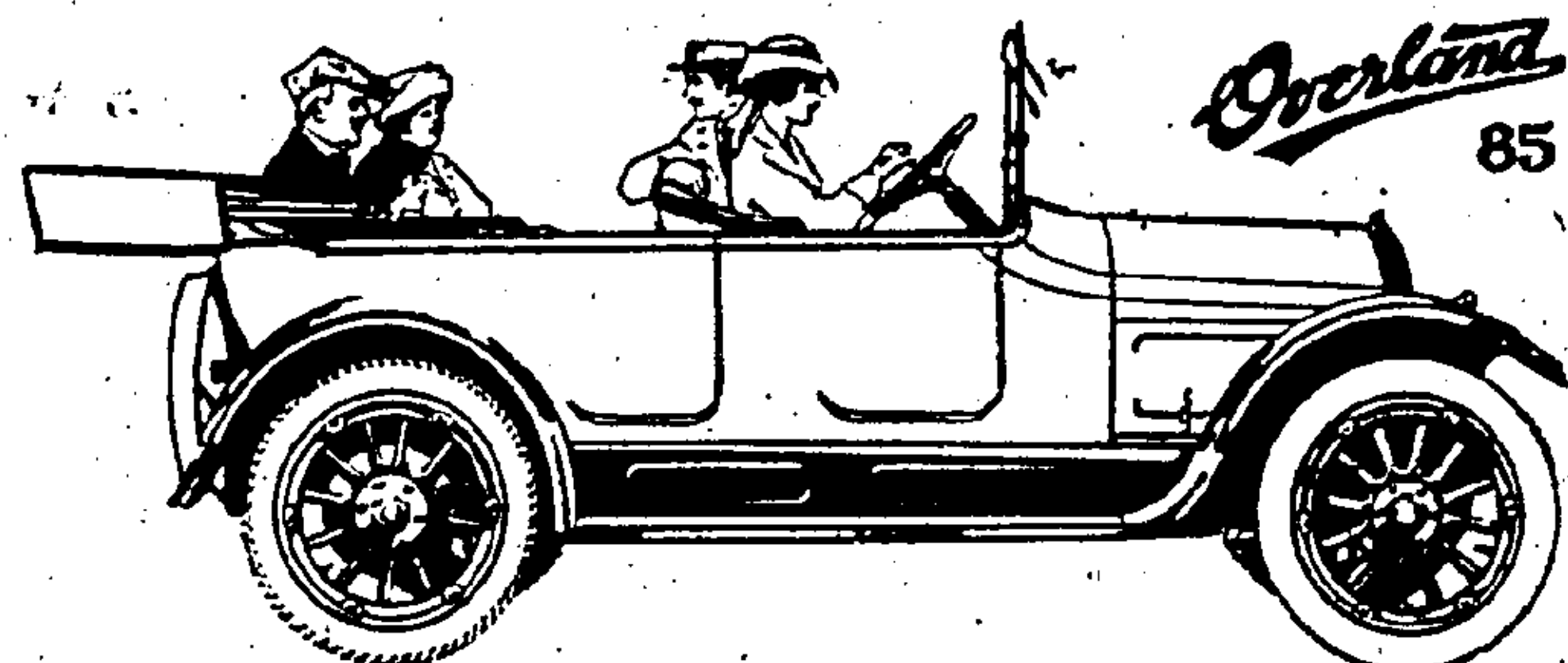
priced car. The body is long and low, with that harmony in the blending of lines that marks the true streamline type. The front edge of the radiator is rounded; the bonnet slopes gradually into the beautifully curved cowl—even the back of the car is gracefully rounded out. There are no projecting door hinges or handles; no obstructions on the running boards; nothing about the whole car to mar the clean smoothness of its lines. The mudguards are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces; the built-in wind-screen is a part of the car itself rather than a mere attachment. In every respect it is a car which you will be proud to own and drive.

Powerful block type engine. Electric starting and lighting. Vacuum petrol system. 112-inch (2.85 m.) wheelbase.

Finish light brown, with black mudguards and trimmings. Brown upholstery, with hood and hood cover to harmonise.

32 x 4-inch or 815 x 105 mm. tyres, non-skid rear. Demountable rims (one extra). Cantilever rear springs.

OVERLAND MODEL 85-FIVE-SEATER TOURING CAR.



This long, low streamline body is unmarred by angles or projections. From the rounded edge of the radiator to the full curved back, there is not a break in the lines. The doors are flush, with hinges concealed with handles inside. The mudguards are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces.

The wind-screen is built in, and conforms to the curve of the cowl—a part of the car itself, not an apparent after thought.

Model 85 touring car is a beautiful car. It asks no odds of any car at any price—it is at home in any company.

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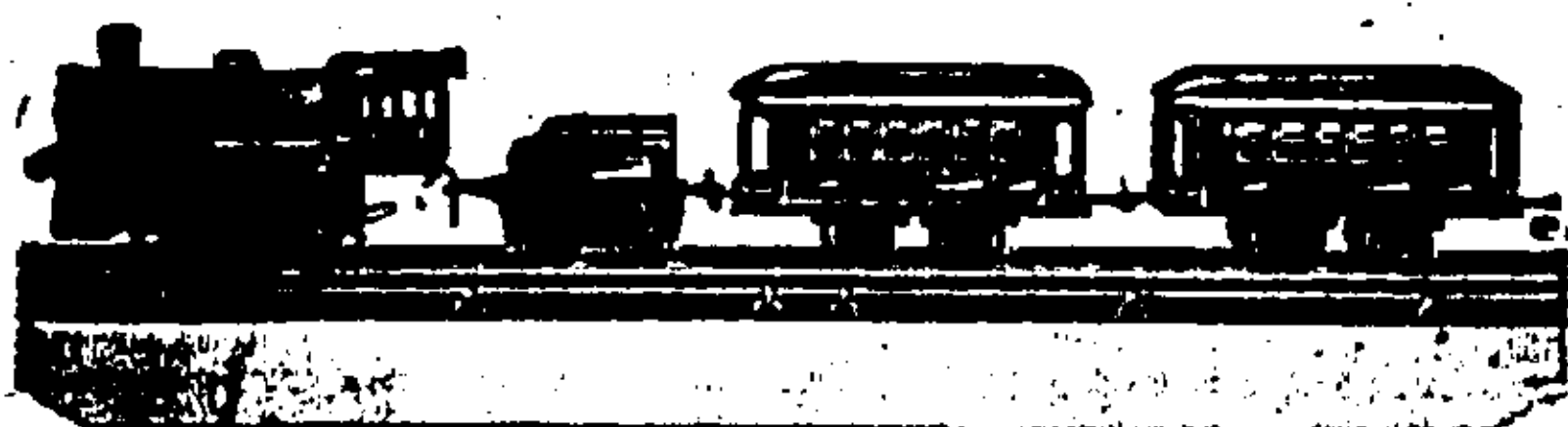
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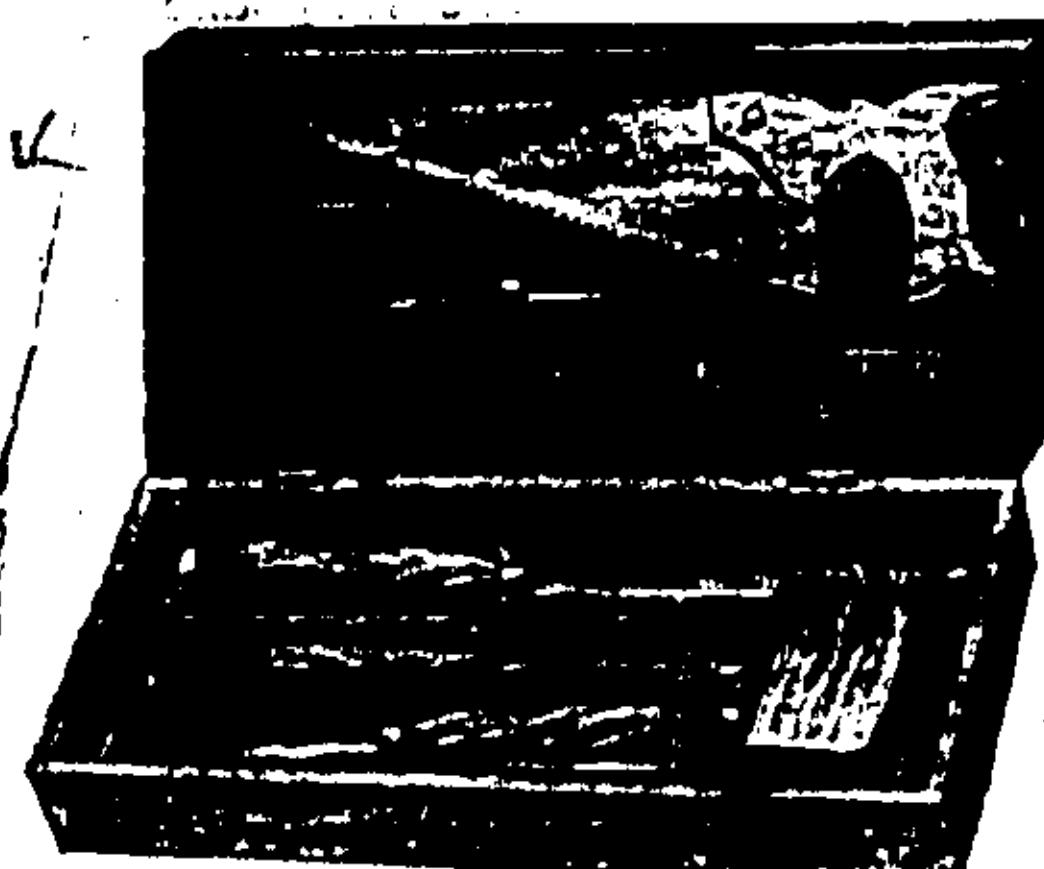
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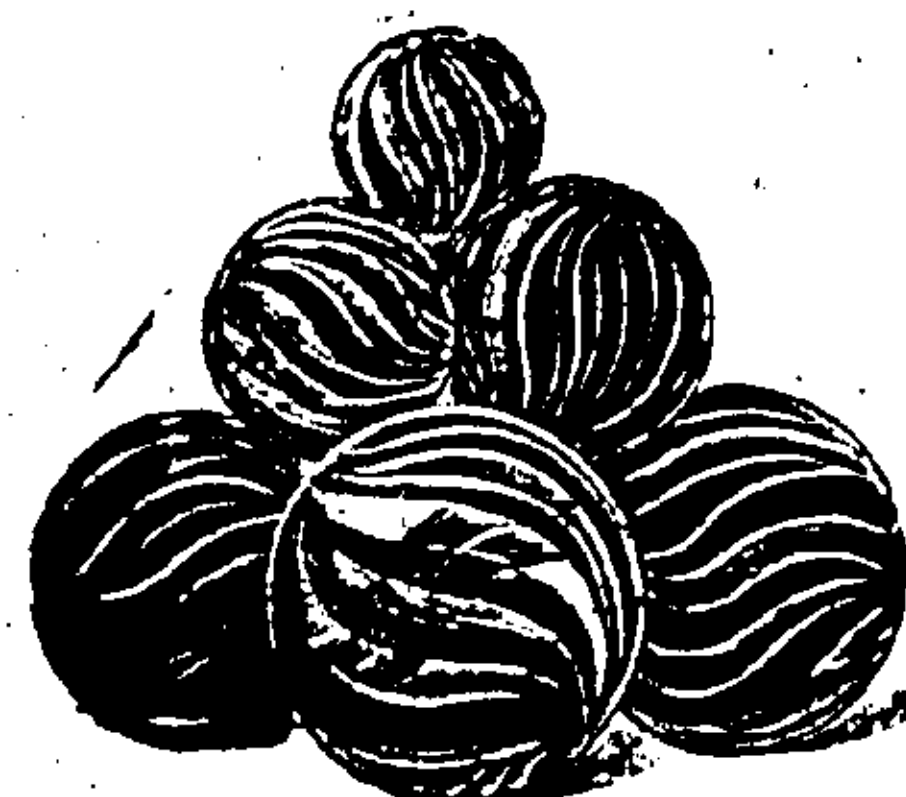
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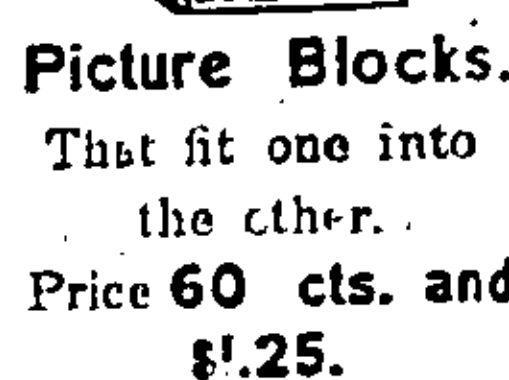
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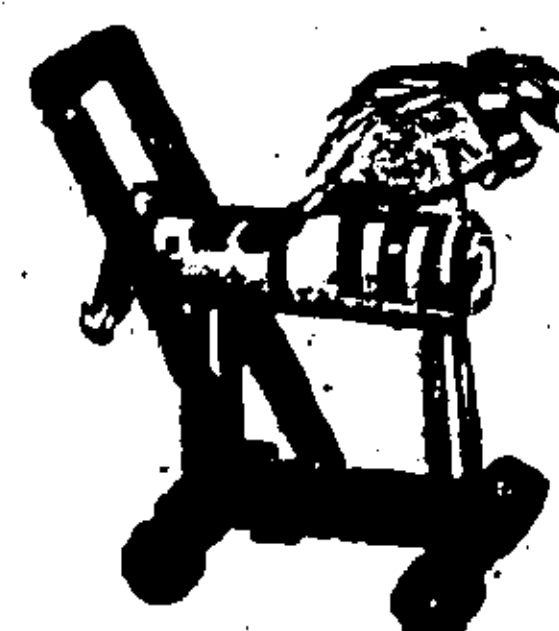
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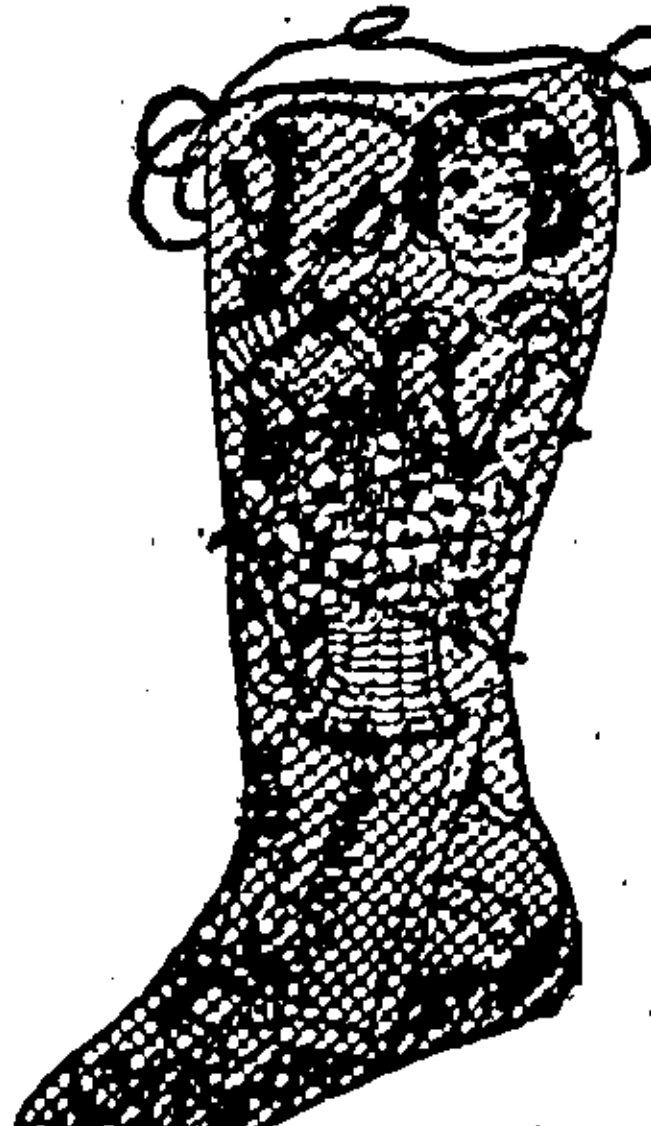
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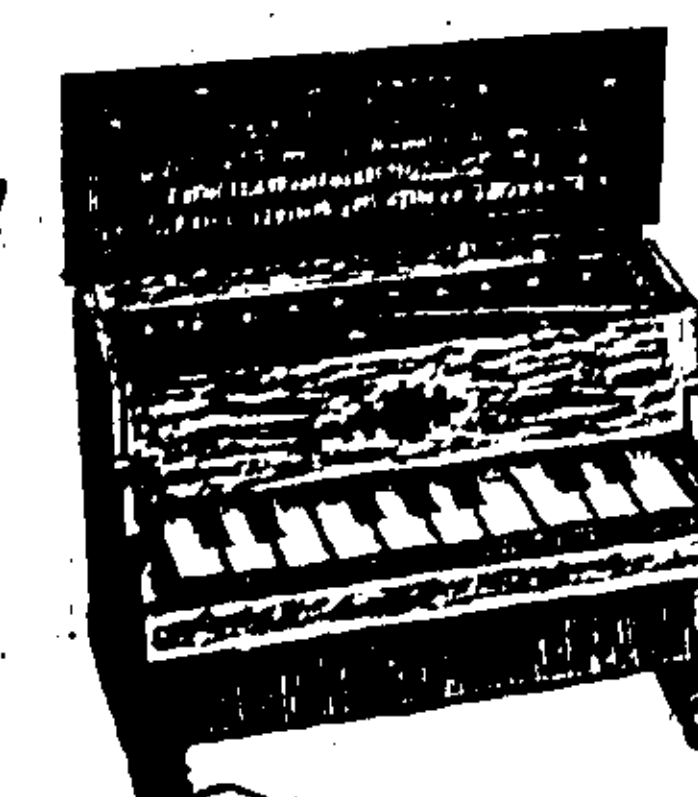


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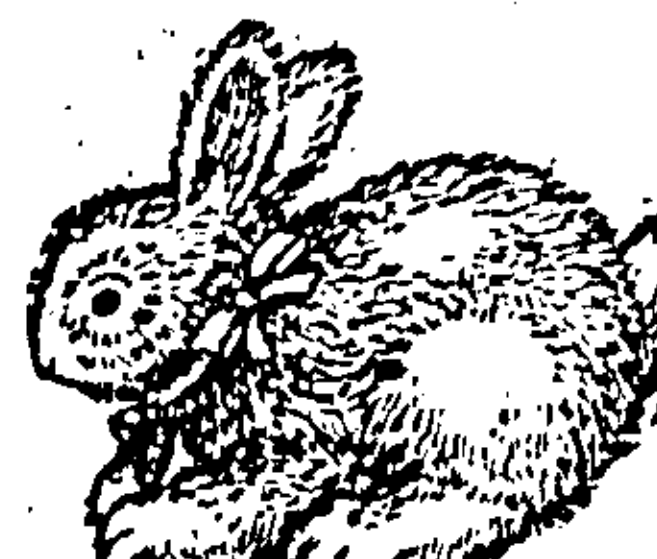
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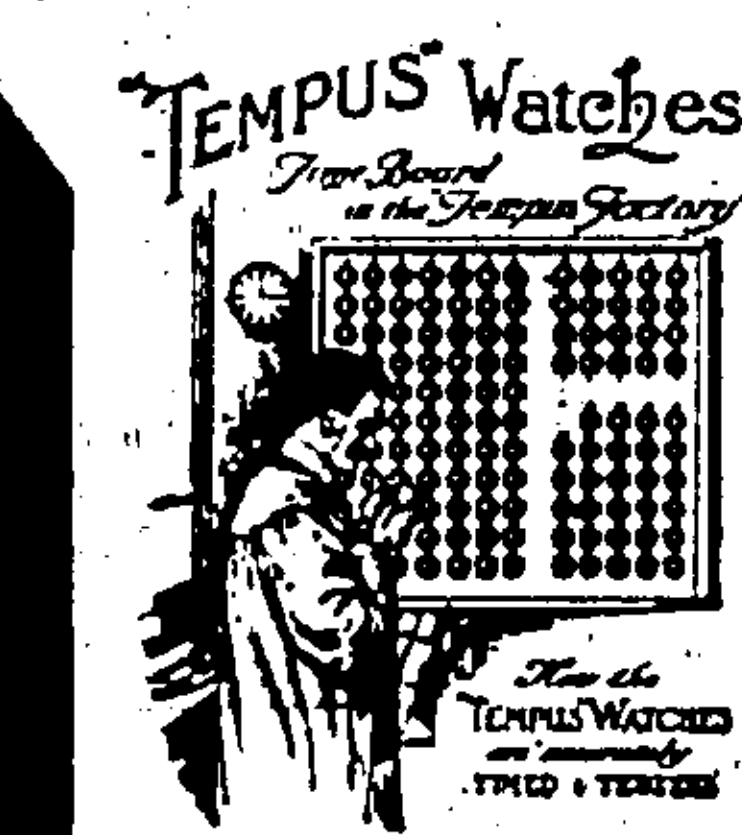


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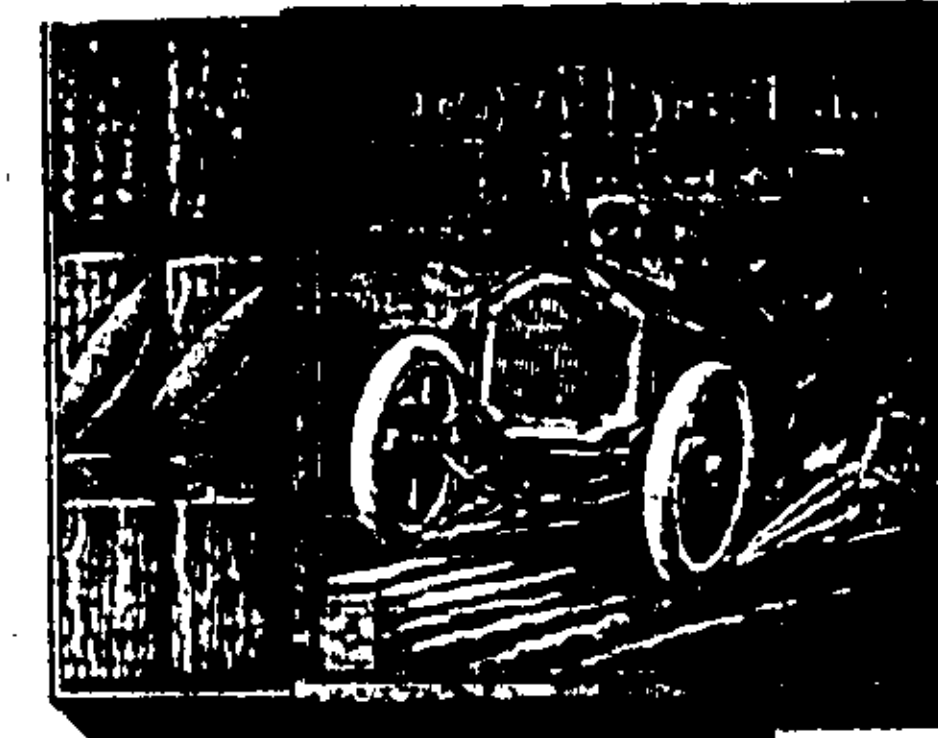
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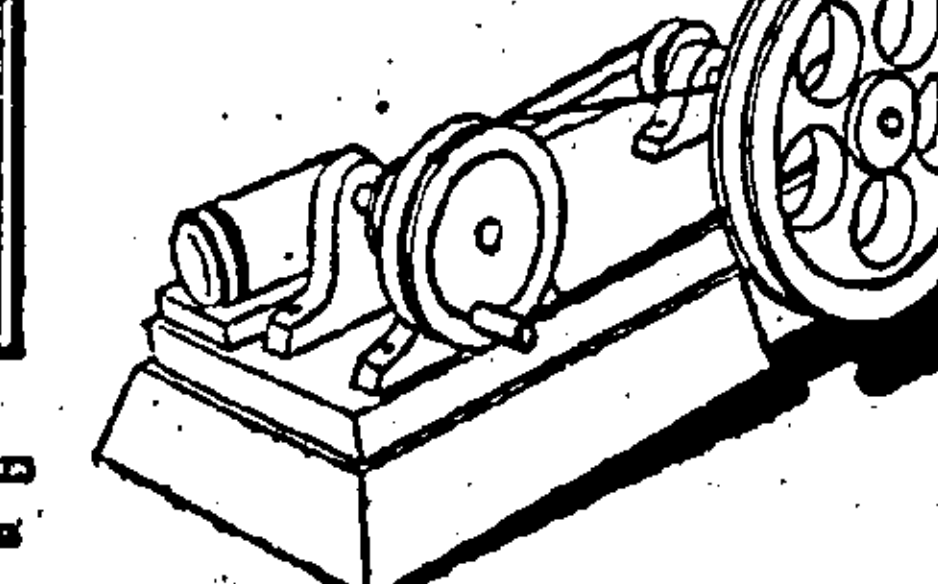
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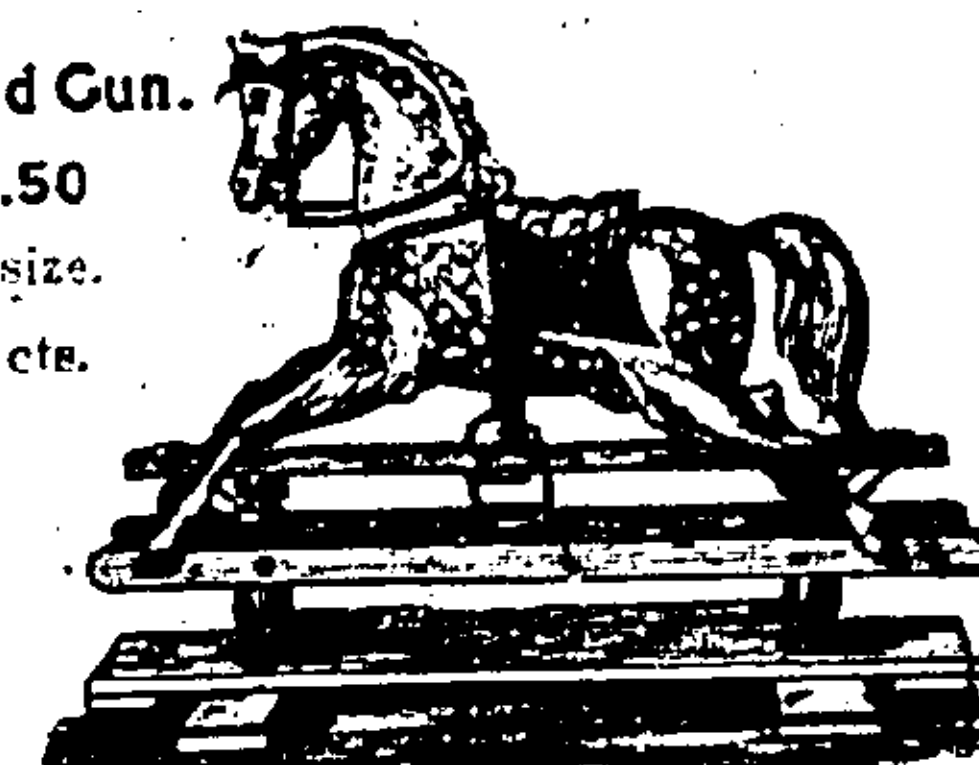


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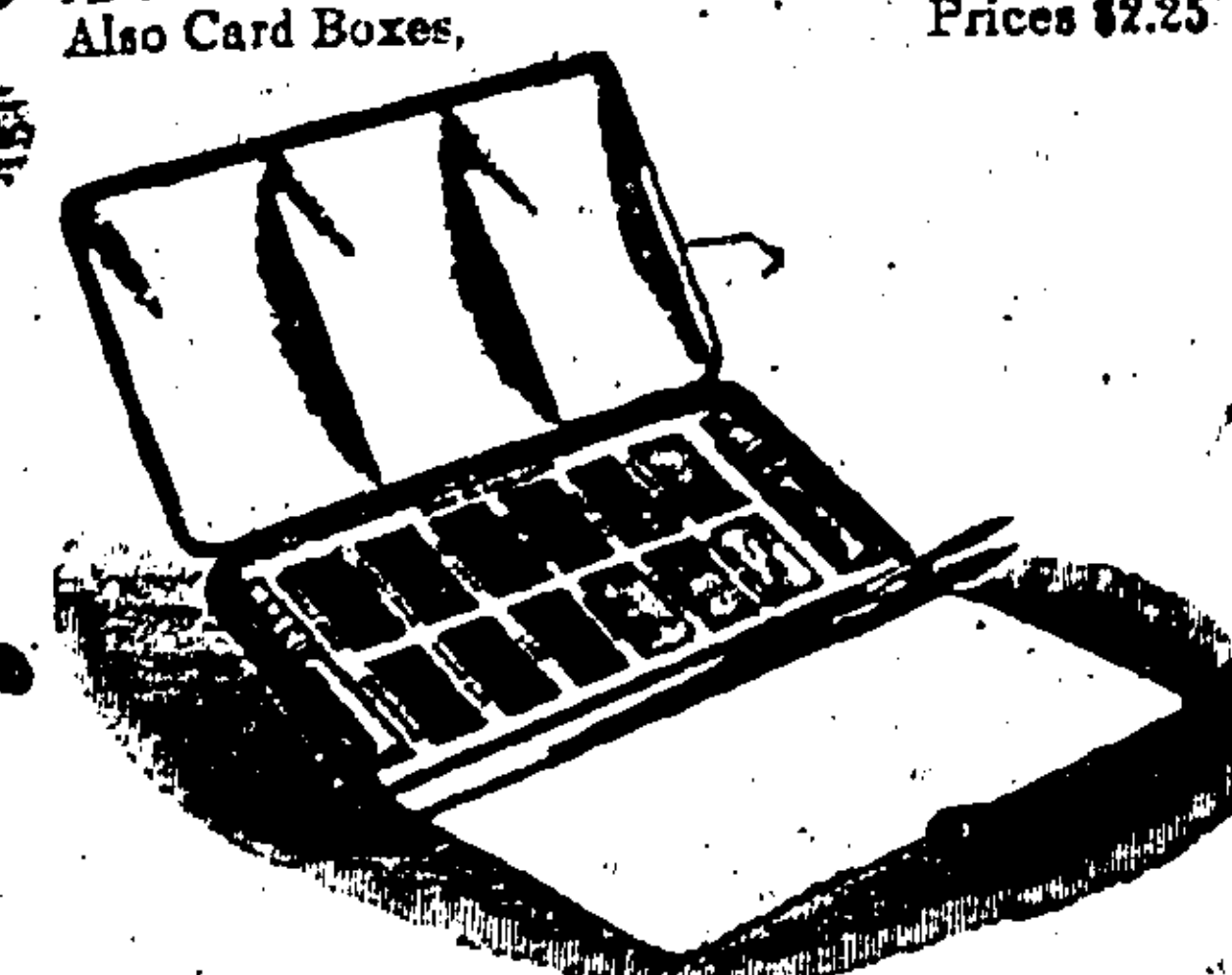
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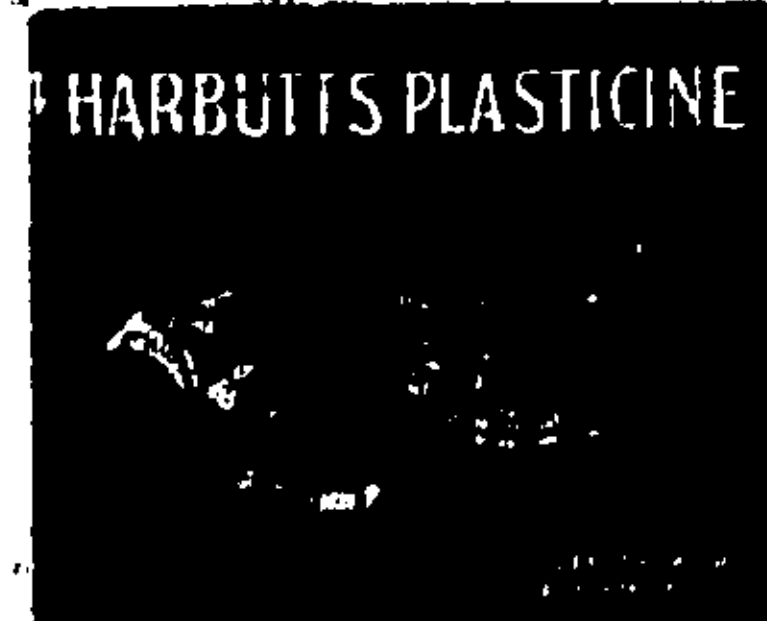
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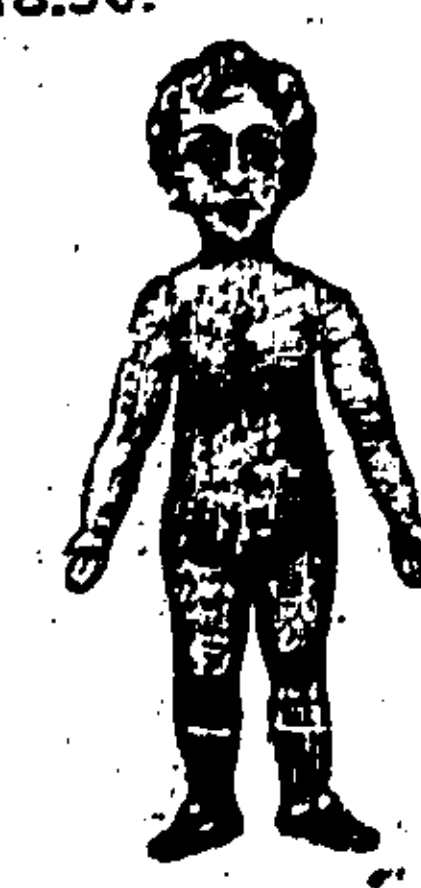
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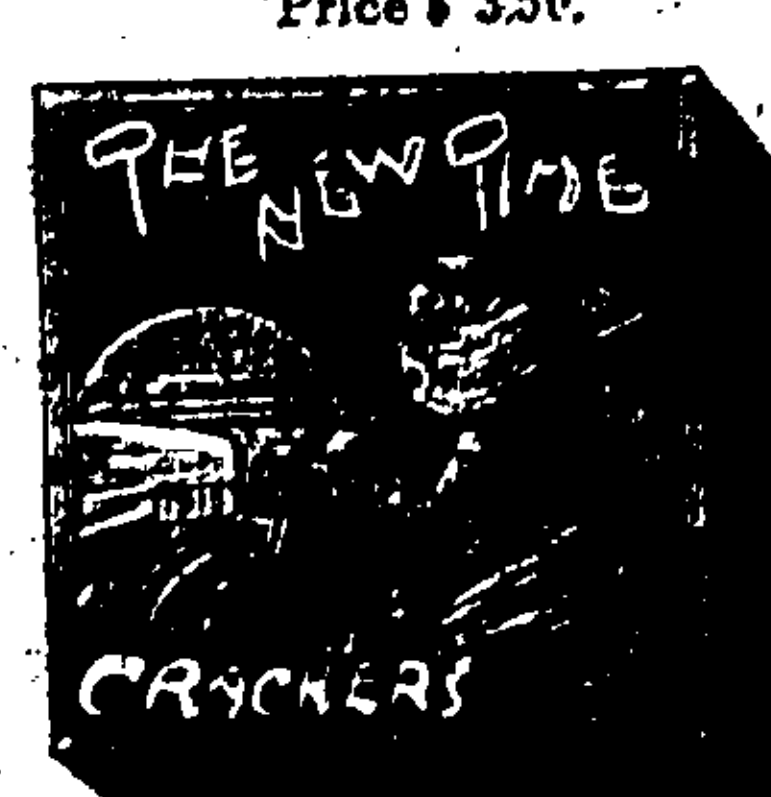
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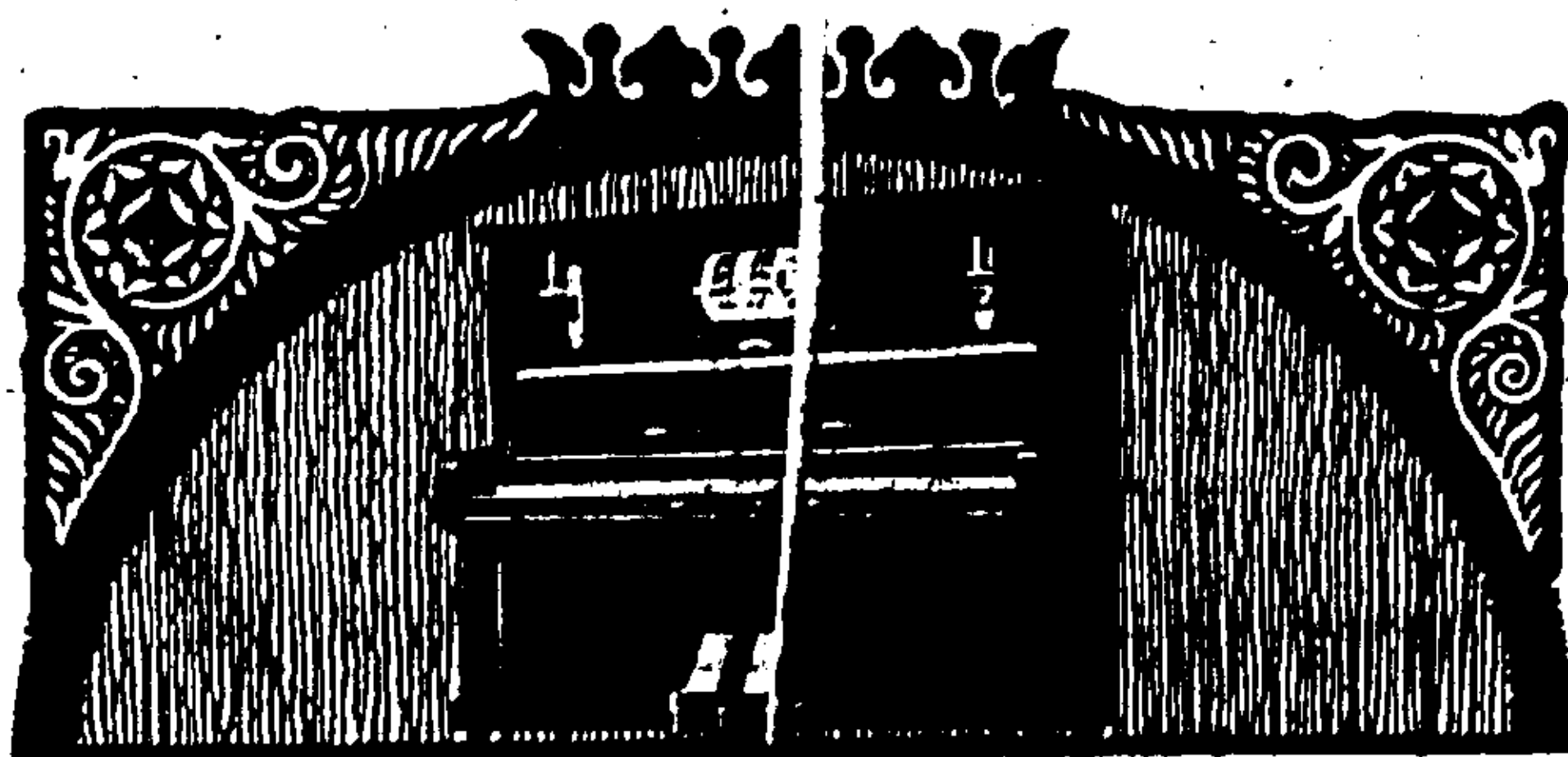
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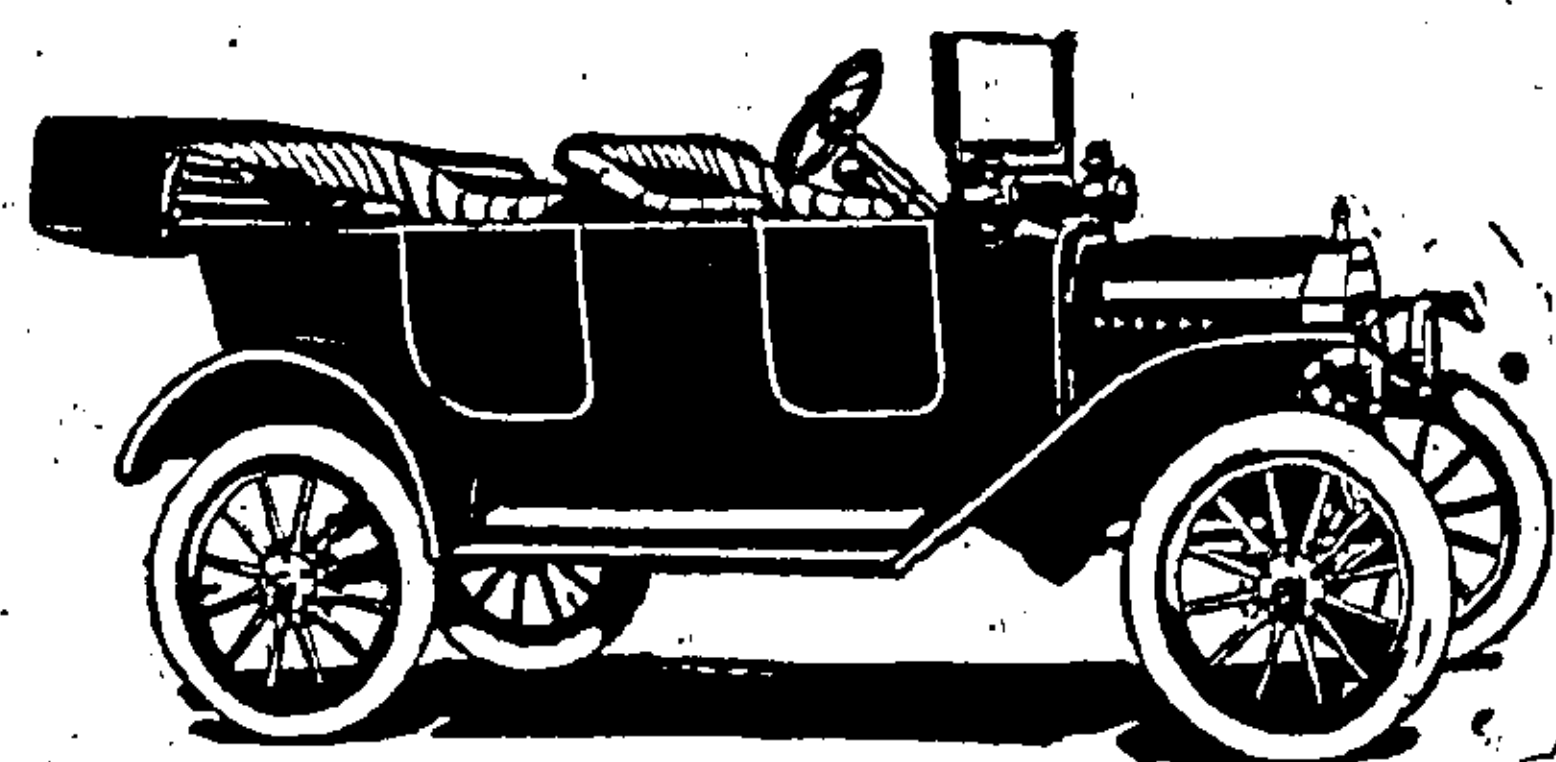
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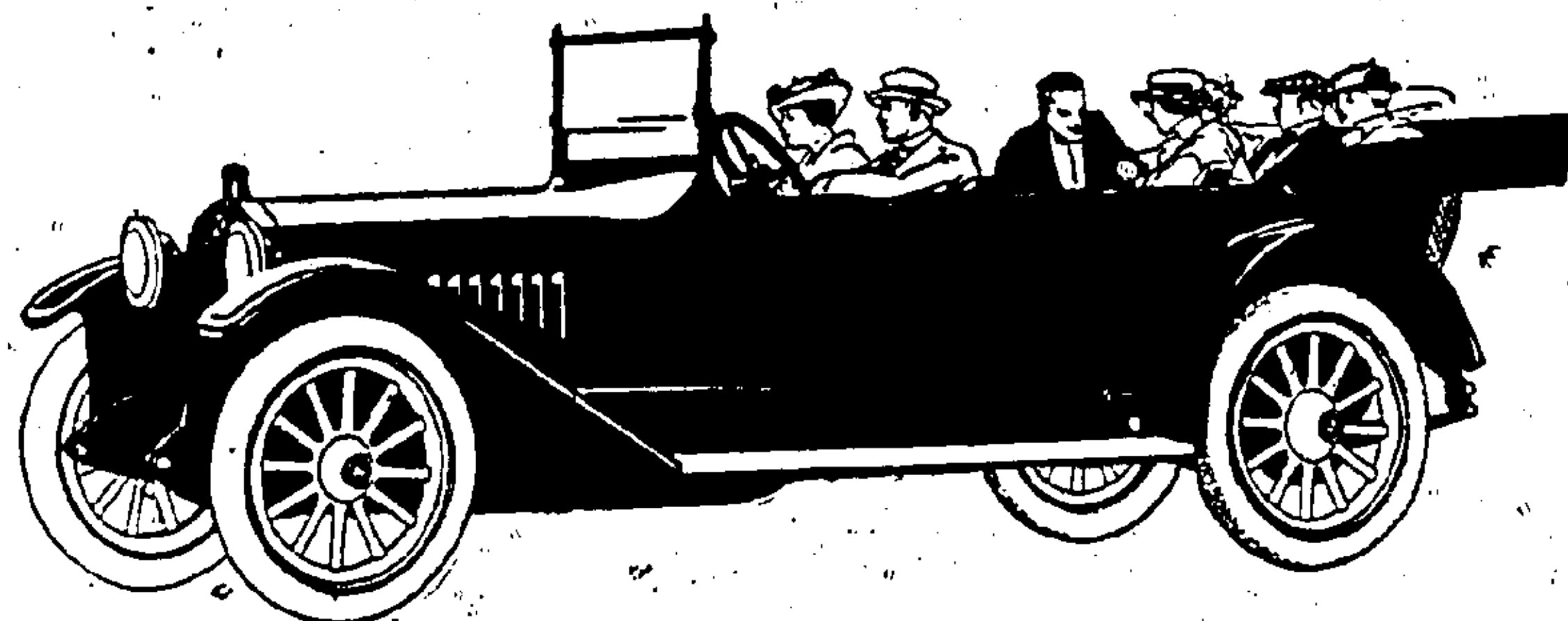
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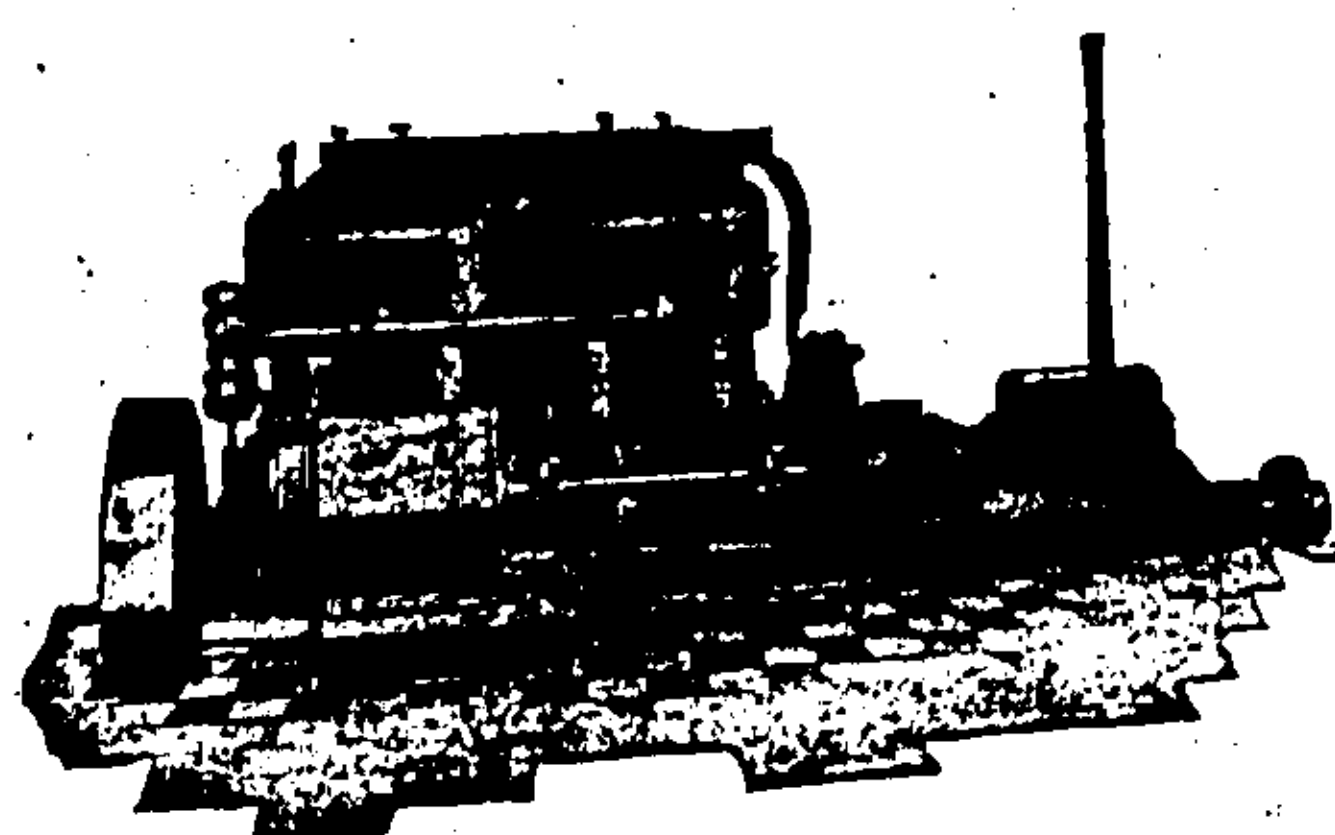
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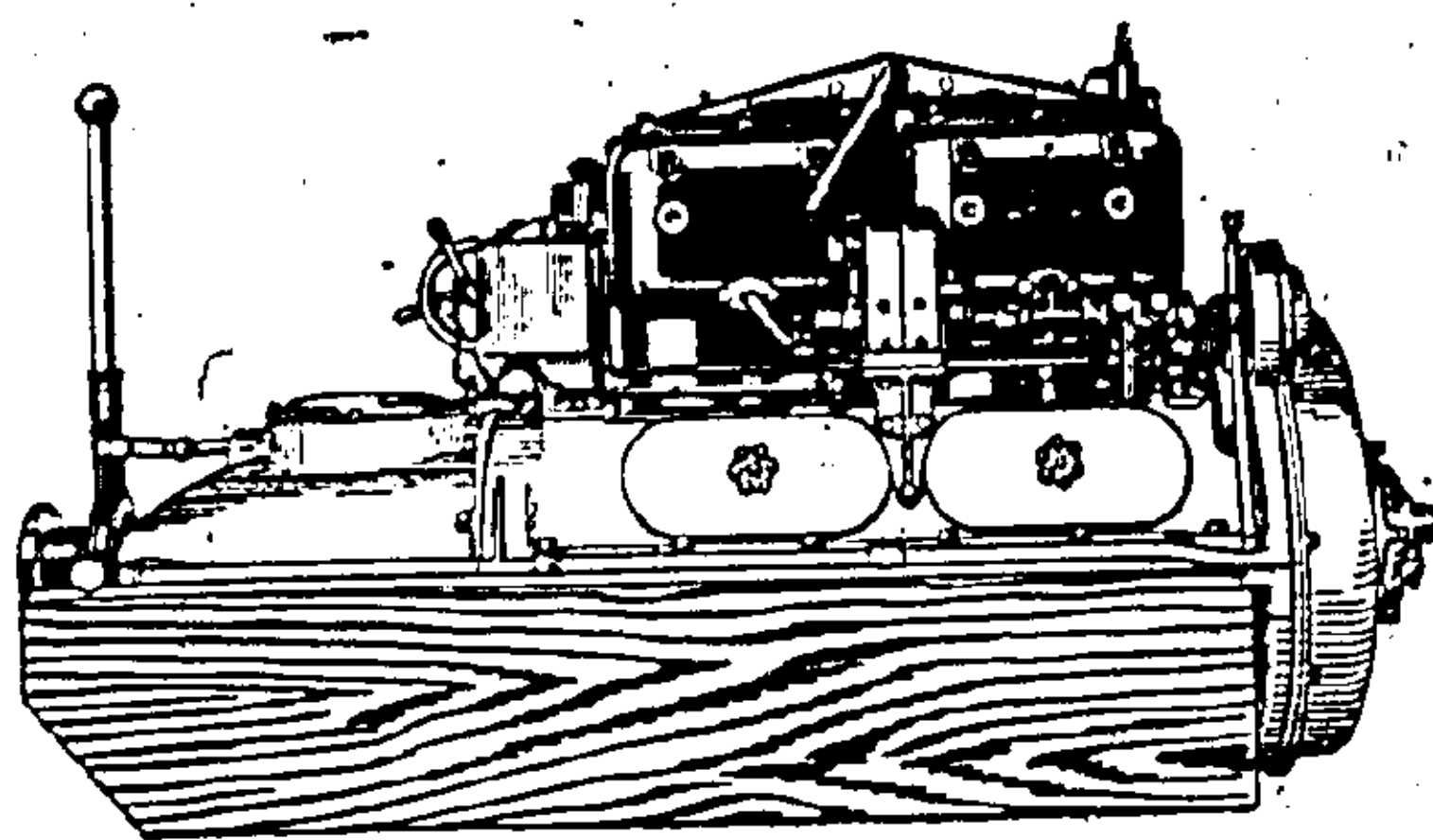
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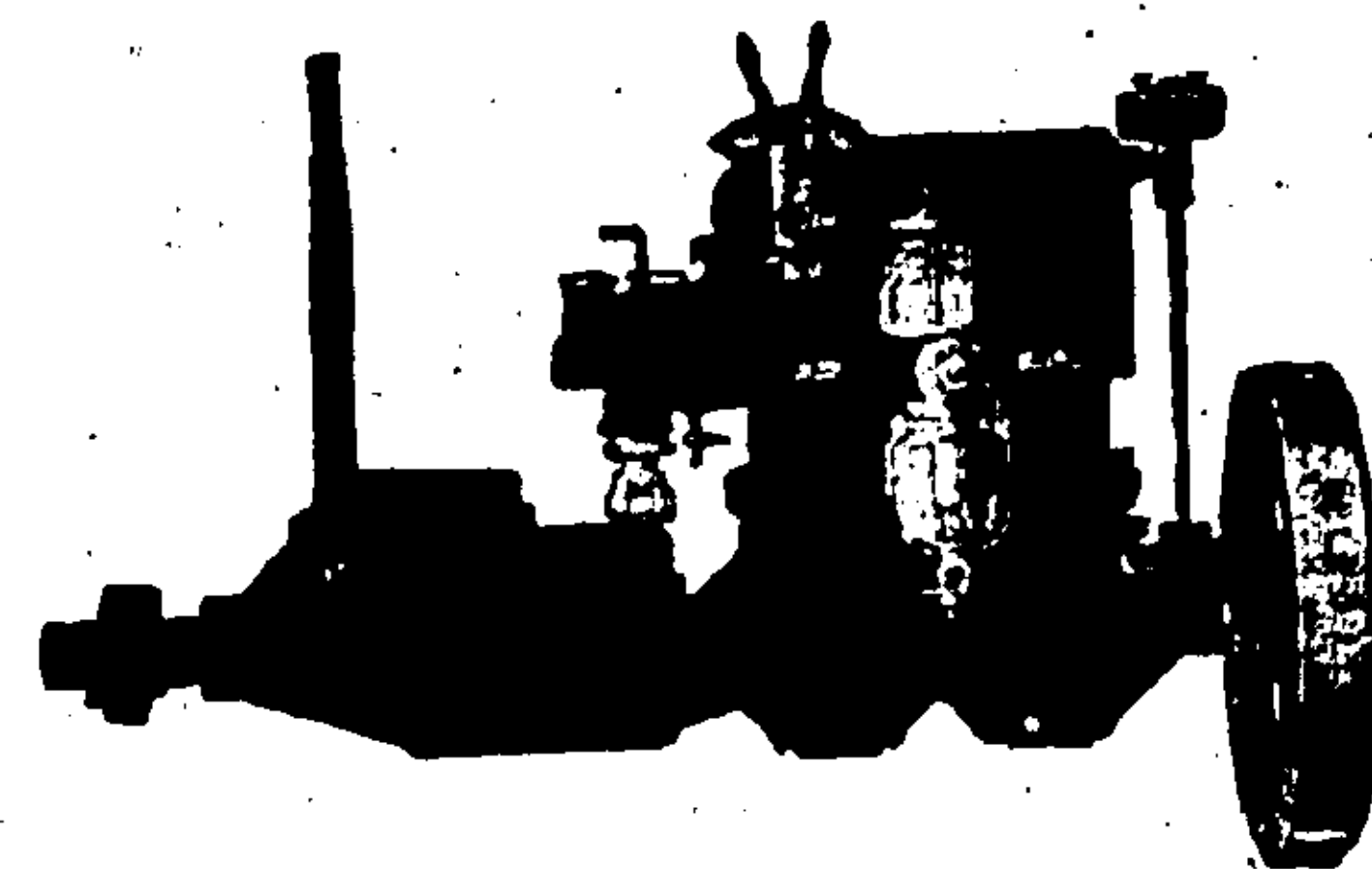
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S.—SELLERS; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

No.	Share	Stock	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1915. Highest	1915. Lowest	1916. Highest to Date	1916. Lowest to Date	Last Dividend and Date
n.	730	H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125	all	845 Sept.	785 May	820	725	Int. div. of £2/3/- at ex 2/1/-, subject to Income tax for 14 year ending 30/6/16 paid 14/8/16.
n.	1400	Marine Insurance, Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	50	427 1/2 Sept.	340 Jan.	426	390	Final Div. of \$7 making \$25 a/c 1914, and interim of \$18 a/c 1915.
n.	1152	North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	£15	£5	180 April	145 Jan.	180	152	Final Div. of 15% making 27% for year ending 30/6/16.
sa.	925	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ltd.	12,400	\$250	100	972 Aug.	760 Jan.	11605	4880	Final of \$20 and bonus of \$10 making \$60.00 for 1914 and Interim of \$30.00 for 1915.
n.	730255	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	12,000	\$100	60	280 Dec.	200 Jan.	300	240	Final of \$15 making \$15 for 1914 & Int. of \$5 for 1915.
n.	1155	Fire Insurance, China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	20	163 Aug.	127 April	168	152	\$7 & \$1 bonus 1914.
n.	1375	H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	50	420 Sept.	385 Jan.	420	367 1/2	\$27 for 1914.
b.	1204	Shipping, Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	104 1/2 Dec.	83 1/2 Mar.	137	106	Div. \$1. Bonus \$8. making in all \$14. for year ending 30/6/16 paid 26/9/16.
a.	221 1/2	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	all	27 1/2 May	19 Dec.	24	17 1/2	\$1.00 for year ending 31.12.15.
sa. & s.	142	Indo-China (Combined Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.)	60,000	£5	all	172 Dec.	62 1/2 Jan.	190	171	Int. Div. 3/- on Pref. & 10/- on Def. shares for 14 year ending 30/6/16, at exch. 2/1 1/2 paid 13/8/16.
b.	146	Shell T'port & T'ing Co., Ltd.	3,797,610	£1	all	94 1/2 June	75/- Jan.	112 1/2	86 1/2	Final of 5/- (Coupon 25) making in all 7/- for year 1915.
sa. & s.	28	Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	40,000	\$10	all	93 1/2 Oct.	28 July	41	35	\$1.65 Div. and 45 cents bonus for year ending 30.4.16.
b.	131 1/2	Refineries, China S. Refining Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	all	134 1/2 Sept.	80 Jan.	146	100	\$12 for 1915.
b.	537 1/2	Malabon S. Refining Co., Ltd.	14,000	P.80	all			40 1/2	80 1/2	First year.
n.	36/-	Mining, Kailan Mining Admin'tion, Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	all	35/- April	30/- Dec.	36/9	26/-	Interim Div. of 1/- nett a/c 30.6.16. (Coupon No 7.)
b.	22 1/2	Tronoh Mines Ltd.	200,000	£1	all	4.40 Mar.	2.40 Jan.	3.35	1.70	1/2 for 1909.
n.	30/-	Ural Caspian	160,000	£1	all	25/- Dec.	32/6 Mar.	42/6	28/6	1/- interim making 3/- for a/c 1916 paid 26/10/16.
n.	32/9	Docks Wharves, Godowns, & C. H'kong & W.D. Co., Ltd.	796,666	£1	all	43/- April	25/- Jan.	38/9	31/-	Final of 4/- making 5/- for a/c year ending 12/11/15 paid July 1916.
sa.	185 1/2	H.K. & W.D. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	82 Oct.	65 April	85 1/2	71	\$3.50 for year 1915.
b.	113 1/2	S'hai Dock & Eng. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	90 Oct.	56 Mar.	135	78 1/2	Int. \$2 1/2 paid 9/11/15.
b. & sa.	1.90	S'hai & H'kew W. Co., Ltd.	36,000	\$100	all	63 1/2 Sept.	49 July	92 1/2	59	Tls. 7 1/2 for year ending 30.4.16.
n.	1.82	Lands, Hotels and Buildings, H'kong Hotel Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	all	100 Dec.	10 April	93	81	Tls. 3 for 1915.
n.	1115	H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100	all	124 Feb.	108 Dec.	118	107	\$3 for 14 year ending 30.6.16 paid 12/8/16.
n.	197	H'k'breys Estate & F. Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	114 Jan.	103 1/2 Dec.	105 1/2	97	Int. div. of \$3 for 14 year ending 30/6/16, paid 26/7/16.
b.	16.80	H'k'loon Land & B'ing Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	80	7 1/2 Jan.	6 July	7.10	6.40	35 cents for year 1915.
s.	35	Shanghai Lands	78,000	£50	all	44 Jan.	40 Sept.	38	35	\$2 1/2 for 1915.
n.	1.91	West Point Building Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	all	57 Mar.	107 Dec.	107	50	Int. Div. of 6% for 14 year ending 30/6/16, paid 27/7/16.
s.	185	Cotton Mills, Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ltd.	20,000	£50	all	68 1/2 Mar.	77 Dec.	90	77	Int. div. of \$2 for 14 year ending 30/6/16, paid 21/7/16.
s.	1101	Kung Yik	75,000	£10	all	103 Dec.	99 Jan.	103	97	\$7.00 for year ending 31.12.15.
b.	1.157 1/2	Leau Kung Mow	20,000	£50	all	99 Jan.	103	97		Tls. 9 for year ending 31.10.16.
n.	1.157 1/2	Shanghai Cottons	75,000	£10	all	163 July	114 Feb.	164	114	Tls. 1.50 for year ending 30.11.15.
n.	1.80	Yangtze Paper Co., Ltd.	8,000	£100	all	72 Jan.	81	63		Tls. 12 for 1913.
b. & sa.	1.120	Miscellaneous, China Borneo Company, Ltd.	40,000	£50	all	100 May	77 Jan.	125	81	Dividend of Tls. 6 for year ending 30.6.16 paid 29/9/16.
n.	1.6	China Light Power Co., Ltd.	175,000	£5	all	61	34	61	49 1/2	7% a/c Pref. for 14 Months ending Dec. 1915.
n.	18 1/2	China Light Power Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$1	all	72 Jan.	10.15 Oct.	10.10	8.40	72 cents for 1915.
b.	44.75	China Farm Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$1	all	3.65 Mar.	4.95 Oct.	4.90	4.30	\$3 for year ending 31/7/16 paid 1/10/16.
n.	13.85	China Farm Company, Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	4.25 Jan.	3 June	3.80	3 1/2	60 cts. for 1915.
n.	11.75	Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	\$10	all	18 Jan.	16 Dec.	17	14	\$2.25 for year 29/2/16.
n.	153	Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	7.16 Mar.	6.50 Oct.	7.70	6	Int. Div. of \$2 for 14 year ending 30/6/16, paid 22/8/16.
n.	160	Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	6,500	\$25	all	190 Dec.	183 Oct.	190	158	Int. Div. of \$1 for 14 year ending 30/6/16, paid 23/8/16.
n.	184 1/2	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	34 Dec.	25 Jan.	41	30	7% p.a. for 14 year ending 30/6/16, at exch. 2 1/4 (c. 167) paid 13.9.16.
s.	17.60	Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	5/-	all	6 Oct.	5 Apr.	7.50	5 1/2	Tls. 1 for 1915.
b.	1.21 1/2	Langkats	20,000	£10	all	43 1/2 May	35 Mar.	40 1/2	20	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.16.
n.	110	Peak Tramway Co., Ltd. (Old)	25,000	\$10	all	10 1/2 Mar.	9.30 June	10.25	9 1/2	25 cts. for year ending 31.5.16.
n.	11	Do (New)	20,000	\$10	all	1.00 Mar.	80 cts. Aug.	1.00	60 cts.	\$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1915.
b.	13 1/2	Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	all	4.25 Jan.	3 June	3.80	3 1/2	70 cts. for 1915.
n.	117.00	Union Water-boat Co., Ltd.	27,723	\$10	all	18 Jan.	16 Dec.	17	14	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new shares for year ending 30.6.14.
b.	16.80	Watson and Co., Ltd.	90,000	\$10	all	7.16 Mar.	6.50 Oct.	7.70	6	\$2 for 1915.
b.	16.35	William Powell, Limited	21,000	\$7	all	6.90 Aug.	7 Dec.	7 1/2	5 1/2	
n.	229	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25	all	28		29	28	
n.	291	H'kong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	7,808	\$10	all			10	9 1/2	

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SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their share report, dated December 15, state:—

Our local market since our last report, dated 8th December, has remained active, and a good business has been done in speculative stocks. Deferred Indos have changed hands as high as \$140 for March, and the cash rate has advanced to \$142. Sugars have once again come into demand, and close strong, whilst Docks have improved to a buying quotation of \$131. Investment stocks still remain neglected, and with the further rise in exchange, shares can be obtained at under quoted rates. The position in Shanghai is improving, and the general tone of the market there is good. Business has been done in Shanghai Cottons and Rubbers at improved rates; Shanghai Cottons have found buyers at Tls. 120 cash, and sales are reported as high as Tls. 130 for March delivery. There are buyers of Ewo at Tls. 157 1/2, and Kungyike have changed hands at Tls. 15. The Singapore share market remains about the same. Plantation rubber at the close is quoted 5 1/4 to 2 1/4, market very irregular.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have again found buyers at \$730, but shares are now offering under this rate owing to the higher exchange.

We have again no business to report in Insurance shares. Unions are on offer at the close at \$925 after sales at this rate and Cantons have sellers at \$400. Hongkong Fire are still enquired for at \$375.

Douglases have been offering all the week at \$121, and sales have taken place at \$120. There are now buyers at \$120 cash, the forward rate being stronger. Deferred Indos improved to a buying quotation of \$142, a good may shares having changed hands at this rate. There is still a good demand for forward shares. The Preferred shares have advanced to \$48 1/2 buyers, with none offering. Steamboats have declined to a selling quotation of \$21 1/2 with no business reported, and shares offering at this rate. Star Ferries are on offer at \$33, sales having been made at this.

China Sugars after sales at \$125 are stronger with buyers offering \$132 cash, \$135 1/2 February and \$137 1/2 March, the market closing strong. Malabons have buyers at \$37, business having been done at \$37 1/2 for the Settlement.

Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have been sold at \$131, and \$131 1/2 for the end of the month, and close with buyers at \$131. Kowloon Wharves have been placed at \$85 and \$85, and have buyers at the latter rate. Shanghai Docks have strengthened to a buying rate of Tls. 90, at which rate a good many shares have been taken off this market by Shanghai.

Land shares still remain very dull, and business has been done as low as \$97. Buyers are not offering more than \$95, but there are no shares coming out at this rate. Hongkong Hotels have been neglected, and shares are offering at \$114.

Green Island Cements after having changed hands at \$12, dropped back to \$11.65, business having been done at intervening rates. At the close the market is again stronger, buyers offering \$11.80. China Providents are wanted at \$8.85, and China Lights at \$4.75. Dairy Farms have been again sold at \$26 1/2. Electric are quiet at \$53. Peak Trams have been done at \$10 and more shares could be obtained at this rate. Low Level Trams are easier and can be obtained at \$7 after sales. Watsons are wanted at \$6.75, and Ropes at \$34 1/2.

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CAPITAL PAID UP \$3,250,000

RESERVE FUNDS \$3,331,000

U.S. GOLD \$7,181,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

K. S. MARSHALL, Manager.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1916.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 Months 3% per annum

For 6 Months 4% per annum

For 12 Months 4 1/2% per annum

LOOK POON SHAN, Chief Manager.

NOTICE.

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PEAK TRAMWAY CO LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

MORNING.

EVENING.

SUNDAYS.

SPECIAL CARS.

By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexander Building, Des Voeux Road.

Season and lunch tickets available for all cars at already full, running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, and not for special cars. Can be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

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Loans on Mortgage of House Property &c. Goods received on Pledge.

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The Office.

FRONTIER, EXECUTOR OF WILL.

ATTORNEY, &c. Under the seal and signature of the Company.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

General Managers.

BANKS.

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Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

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NOTICES.

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\$1.40
for
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for
50.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT,

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GENERAL BROKER.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 18th December, 1916,

commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

35 drums, Anti-Fouling Composition, (Th. Hoes),
15 d. ums, Anti-Corrosive Composition (Th. Hoes),
8 cases Boot-topping Paint, (Th. Hoes),
14 cases Grey Paint, (Th. Hoes),
13 cases Copper Paint, (Th. Hoes).

Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture
(removed to Sales Rooms for convenience of Sale)

Comprising:—
Teak hatstand, tapestry covered couch and chairs, teak music cabinet, writing table, carpets, lace curtains, oil paintings, engravings, etc., etc.

Finely carved blackwood desk, jardiniere stools, teapots, tables, etc.
Teak extension dining table and chairs, teak sideboard with bevelled mirrors, teak dinner and dessert services, electroplate glass ware, etc., etc.

Dual brass mounted iron bedstead, teak wardrobes, with mirrors, teak dressing tables, marble top washstands, chest of drawers, iron cots, Shanghai baths, etc., etc.

Also

1 Victrola.
Catalogues will be issued.
On view from Thursday, the 21st inst.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
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NOTICE.

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NOTICES.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the demand for electricity has almost reached the limit of the capacity of the present Generating Plant, and as a result no further applications for new connections can be accepted as from 1st January next, until completion of the New Power Station at North Point. I was fully expected that the North Point Station would have been completed and running before now, but owing to the War work in respect of the new plant has been very considerably delayed.

By Order of the Board,
G. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.
Are the
Hongkong, 14th December, 1916.

CLUB LUSITANO

ON the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Club Lusitano the members will be "AT HOME" on SATURDAY, the 16th instant from 5 to 6 p.m. Friends of the members are cordially invited to attend.

E. H. d'ALQUINO,
President of the Jubilee Celebration Committee.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1916.

LECTURE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

CAPTAIN PELLEROT has kindly consented to give a Lecture on "Central Asia as the meeting-point of Eastern and Western civilizations," on THURSDAY, the 21st December, at 5.15 p.m.

All those who are interested are cordially invited.
By kind permission of His Excellency The Governor, the Lecture will be given in the ball-room at Government House.

H. E. POLLOCK,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong Odd Volumes Society.

SHORTHAND CLASS.

EVENING CLASSES for Young ladies in Fitness, Shorthand are now in progress at St. Mary's Convent, Kowloon. A CLASS FOR BEGINNERS will commence on the 9th January, 1917.

PRIZE SCHEME examinations will be held in June, for elementary, Theory and Speed Certificates, under the guidance of the Phonetic Institute, Bath, Somerset, England.
FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, Apply to the MOTHER SUPERIOR.

POST OFFICE.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Ships in communication with Cape D'Agular Radio Telegraph Station:—

MAILS DUE.

Shanghai—Per AMAZON, 18th Dec.
Europe (via Negapatam)—Per JAPAN, 21st Dec.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Philippine Is.—Per LOONGSANG, 16th Dec., 2 p.m.
Straits—Per GENERAL WERGELAND, 16th Dec., 3 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per YING-CHOW, 18th Dec., 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Formosa via Kowloon & Japan via Yokohama—Per ANNA MAKU, 17th 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui and Keelung—Per KALIO M., 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per KANCHOW, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 18th December.

Saigon—Per HAUTO, 18th Dec., 3 a.m.
Haiphong—Per KWANGSE, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Haiphong, Tientsin, Saigon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe—Per AMAZON, 18th Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

Saigon—Per MANAPOURI, 18th Dec., 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 19th December.

Hongkong—Per HUICHOW, 19th Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIHONG, 19th Dec., 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 19th Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America via San Francisco & America via Canada—Per TENYO M., 19th Dec., Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia)—Per KUKIANG, 19th Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 23rd Dec.]
Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 20th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Takao & Amoy—Per SOSHU MARU, 20th Dec., 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 21st December.

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia)—Per SINKIANG, 21st Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 25th Dec.]

FRIDAY, 22nd December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa—Per HAIHONG, 22nd Dec., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 23rd December.

Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 24th December.

Swatow—Per HAITAN, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th December.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per EASTERN, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Kwong, Br., aa. 12th, Barkua, 15th Dec.
—Hoijow, 14th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Suwa M., Jap., aa. 10.27, 15th Dec.—Singapore, Gen. N. Y. K.
Tami-g. Br., aa. 1.35, Potosfather, 15th Dec.—Manila, 15th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Hakushin Jap., aa. 8.7, Karaki, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 11th Dec., Rice—Order.
Kinkiang, Br., aa. 1.28, Peacock, 16th Dec.—Shanghai, 15th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 14.
Yamagata M. for Kobe
Portugal for Hoijow via Nauchow
Hie for Haiphong via Hoijow

Dec. 15.
Hijun M. for Batavia
Hamaus for Singapore
Toomi M. for Kobe via Shanghai
Ara for Bangkok
Takung for Haiphong
Shinko M. for Dairen
Nautin for London via Singapore
Hatching for Saigon
Nisain M. for Keelung

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 15.
Taisema for K. C. Wan
Pratelaus for Manila
Dec. 16.
Yei M. for Canton
Trigun for Canton
Suwa M. for Yokohama via Shanghai
Kumakata M. for Bangkok
Beraven for Dairen & Cebu
Loongang for Manila
Yin chow for Shanghai via Swatow
S. U. Tami M. for Kobe via Keelung
Kueichow for Calcutta
Taiwan Maru for Singapore via Amoy
Anping for Canton
Kanchow for Singapore via Swatow
General Wergeland for Penang via Singapore

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per aa. TAMING, from Manila, on Dec. 15.
Allen Mr & Mrs McKinney J. B.
Blackburn Mr & Mrs Reynolds L. P.
James H. G.

TUESDAY, 16th December.

Shanghai & N. China—Per LUCHOW, 16th Dec., 8 a.m.
Philippine Is.—Per TEAN, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Straits, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., Registration 2.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada. (Europe via Siberia)—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 28th Dec., Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec.]

FRIDAY, 29th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa—Per HAITAN, 29th Dec., 11 a.m.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE
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Hong Kong.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Weather Report and Forecast for to-morrow will be found on a Second Extra.

On the 15th at 11.45—No returns from Japanese station.

Pressure has increased moderately over the China coast and decreased slightly over the Philippines; it remains highest over N. China and is relatively low over the S. part of the China Sea.

Strong monsoon will prevail over the China coast and the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1916, 19.81 inches, against an average of 32.56 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap Rock.	N. winds, fresh; fine.
2 Formosa Channel.	N. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook.	as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.	as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.
December 15, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Force.	Direction.
Footstok	6a	30.35	34	65	sw	4	0
Namuro	5a						
Hakodate							
Tokio							
Kobe							
Yokohama							
Kyushu							
Osaka							
Naha							
Ishijima							
Bonin Is.							
Chao	6a						
Wharfedale							
Hankow							
Ichang							
Kinkiang							
Changsha							
Shanghai		30.45	32	86	nsw	1	0
Gumlaif		30.39	42	85	nsw	4	0
Sharp P.		30.19	54	77	nsw	4	0
Amoy	9a	30.21	56	89	ne	2	0
Swatow	6a	30.18	56	81	n	1	0
Takohu	5a	30.10	57	77	e	4	0
Talabu		30.06	57	n	4	0	0
Tainan		30.04	57	n	2	0	0
Kochan		30.07	68	n	8	0	0
P'dora		30.01			ne	7	0
Canton	6a	30.12	48	78	n	2	0
H'kong		30.14	55	47	n	2	0
Gap Rock		30.13			n	6	0
Macao		30.17	52	57	n	4	0
Wuchow							
Peking							
Hoohow							
Phu Lien	7a	30.15	57	77	ne	4	0
Tourane		30.01	64	nsw	4	0	0
C. St. J.		29.78	70				
Apapa	6	29.84	75	83	n	1	0
Harapan		29.73	74	94	n	1	0
Manila		29.75	72	98	n	0	0
Legaspi		29.72	79	87	nsw	4	0
Tacloban		29.68	75	96	nsw	1	0
Davao		29.69	75	96	n	0	0
Surigao							
Luzon		29.67	78	94	n	6	0

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 15, 1916.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, barometer at sea level.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4 Direction of Wind, to two points.
5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.
State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date.
at 10 a.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 10 a.m.
Barometer	30.68	30.20	30.14
Temperature	72	55	65
Humidity	34	47	44
Wind Direction	NNE	N	N
Force	3	2	1
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Height open air Temperature on 100 fathoms	72	55	65
Height open air Temperature on 100 fathoms	72	55	65

H.K. Observatory, December 15, 1916.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

KISMET.

IN AID OF
STAR & CARTER FUND.

SECOND NIGHT, DECEMBER 16th
THIRD NIGHT, DECEMBER 18th
FOURTH & LAST NIGHT, DECEMBER 23rd
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NEW MUSIC, SPECIALLY
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On WEDNESDAY 20th December, further episodes will be screened.

NOTICE.

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